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Battle Royal Rages At Faizpur

Leftist Defeat In First Encounter

CONGRESS CABINET LINE SUPPORTED

Uncompromising Opposition To New Constitution

(Congress Special Service)

TILAKNAGAR (Congress Camp): Dec. 25.

Resolutions of condolence on the deaths of Dr. Ansari, Mr. Abbas Tyabjee and other Congressmen were passed by the Subjects Committee of the Congress, when it met to consider resolutions for the open Session to-day.

The Committee then took into consideration the Working Committee's resolution regarding Provincial Elections and Constituent Assembly;

Reiterating uncompromising opposition to new Constitution and resolving to combat it inside and outside the Legislatures;

Endorsing the A. I. C. C.'s Election Manifesto;

Affirming faith in the Constituent Assembly and

Leaving decision regarding the office-acceptance to be made by the A. I. C. C. soon after the Provincial elections.

Three Amendments.

The resolution on Elections and the Constituent Assembly was moved by Babu Rajendra Prasad and was seconded by Pandit Govind Ballabh Pant and supported by Prof. Rajkumar Chakravarty.

To this resolution of Babu Rajendra Prasad were moved three amendments.

The first amendment by Mr. N. V. Gadgil urged the inclusion of Indian States in the scheme of a genuine Democratic State in India for which the Congress stood.

The second amendment by Mr. S. A. Dange declared that the Constituent Assembly could be convened only after the capture of power by the masses. It was supported by Messrs. Niharendu Dutt Majumdar and Jaiprakash Narayan.

The third amendment moved by Sardar Sardul Singh asked for an immediate decision against the acceptance of office by Congressmen in the Legislatures.

The amendment was supported, among others, by Mrs. Kamaladevi.

Leftist Defeat.

After Babu Rajendra Prasad's reply Mr. Gadgil withdrew his amendment. Mr. Dange's amendment was lost by 83 against 45 votes. Sardar Sardul Singh's amendment was also lost by 87 to 48 votes. And the original resolution was carried by an overwhelming majority.

The Subjects Committee adjourned till 3 p.m. to-morrow.

SUBJECTS COMMITTEE MEETS

FAIZPUR, Dec. 25.
(Congress Camp.)

After the All-India Congress Committee had completed its work, it converted itself into the Subjects Committee.

The President then said that they had not been able to get all resolutions printed as there was no printing press in Faizpur and said that typed copies would be given to members but they should take care not to lose them, as it would be difficult to replace them.

The President moved a condolence resolution from the Chair touching the deaths of Dr. M. A. Ansari and Mr. Abbas Tyabji.

An Andhra member suggested inclusion of the name of Dr. Subramanyam.

The Pandit on suggestions made from different quarters added the following names: Dr. Subramanyam, Messrs. Sadasivam, V. O Chidambaram Pillay and Krishnakumar Mitra.

The Committee then decided to consider resolutions recommended by Working Committee.

War On New Constitution

The first resolution to be taken up was the one passed at Bombay regarding the elections and Constituent Assembly. The resolution reads:

"Congress reiterates its entire rejection of Government of India Act of 1935 and the Constitution that has been imposed on India against the declared will of the people of the country. In its opinion any co-operation with this Constitution is a betrayal of Indians' struggle for freedom and the strengthening of British Imperialism and further exploitation of Indian masses who have already been reduced to direct poverty under imperialist domination.

The Congress, therefore, repeats its resolve not to submit to this Constitution or to co-operate with it, but to combat it both inside and outside the Legislatures so as to end it.

The Congress does and will not recognise the right of any external power or authority to dictate the political and economic structure of India and every such attempt will be met by organised and uncompromising opposition of the Indian people. Indian people can only recognise a constitutional structure, which has been framed by them and which is based on the Independence of India as a Nation and which allows them full scope for development, according to their needs and desires.

CONSTITUTIUENT ASSEMBLY

The Congress stands for a genuine Democratic State in India where political power has been transferred to the people as a whole and Government is under their effective control. Such a State can only come into existence through a Constituent Assembly elected by adult suffrage and having power to determine finally the Constitution of the country.

To this end Congress works in the country and organises; and this objective must ever be kept by representatives of the Congress in the Legislatures.

DEMAND IN LEGISLATURES.

Congress endorses the Election Manifesto of the A.I.

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Nanking Dictator Released

Chiang-kai-Shek Was Arrested Through A Mistake

NANKING, Dec. 25.

Marshal Chiang-Kai-Shek was released by Marshal Chang-Hsueh-Liang only five hours before the expiry of the three days' truce. Government troops were already preparing for the resumption of an offensive against Sianfu.

WILD WITH JOY

Shanghai and other cities went wild with joy when news of Marshal Chiang-Kai-Shek's release spread through the country. Huge crowds thronged the streets in Shanghai, blocking traffic, shouting and cheering and discharging fireworks.

Aeroplanes circled over the City, dropping coloured paper. Processions marched along the streets, carrying banners inscribed "Long live Chiang-Kai-Shek, Long live the Republic."

Marshal Chang-Hsueh-Liang now declares that the arrest was due to a misunderstanding. —Reuter.

MAHATMA'S HEART 'IS IN VILLAGES"

"I am an old villager. That is why I have been in Shegaon.

"Although born and brought up in cities I am at the heart of the villages. I am happy in Shegaon though I got malaria. Malaria left me and now everyone says that I have become stronger.

"People say that I have shifted the responsibility on the heads of Pt. Jawaharlal and Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel. The simple fact is that my heart was always in villages and now that my body is here I feel hale and hearty."

Thus said Mahatma Gandhi in declaring the Exhibition open.—United Press.

STOP PRESS

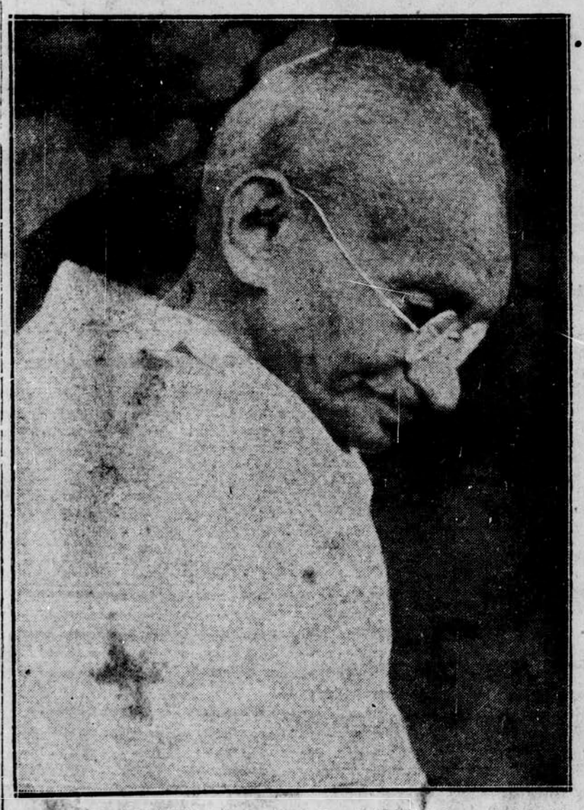
MARSHAL CHIANG'S FIRST ACT

NANKING, Dec. 25.

Marshal Chang-Hsueh-Liang arrived at Loyang with Marshal Chiang-Kai-Shek who has established his temporary headquarters there. This indicates that rebel leader has received assurances for his personal safety.

Marshal Chang-Hsueh-Liang declares that he revolted because he believed that the Central Government had not paid his troops, but it transpired that money had been misappropriated by a subordinate who had been arrested.

Marshal Chiang-Kai-Shek's first act was to order the withdrawal of Government troops from Shensi but it is generally considered that Government cannot remain inactive and the matter must be cleared up. Japanese are expected to press strongly for a thorough clean up of the Communist elements in the North-west.—Reuter.



MAHATMA GANDHI, who opened the A. I. V. I. A. and A. I. S. A. Exhibition at Faizpur.

Mahatma's Assurance To Jawaharlal

"Can Double Villager's Income Without Material Help From Cities"

(FROM OUR SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT).

TILAKNAGAR (Faizpur): December 25.

Pandit Jawaharlal Nehru, Seth Jamnalal Bajaj, Maulana Abul Kalam Azad and Sjt. Bhulabhai Desai were special objects of Gandhiji's penetrating witticism in his speech at the opening of the Congress Exhibition at Faizpur.

"I will take a bet with Jawaharlal that without bringing a scrap of material from cities and towns, without rushing them by aeroplanes and without a single middleman being benefited, I undertake to double the villager's income. If Rashtrapati so desired, I am pre-

Magic Of His Influence

Speaking about some village implements on view in the Exhibition, Gandhiji said, they were manufactured by Muslim villagers. He added, if Moulana Abul Kalam Azad went to them he would probably fail to recognise them as Muslims. And if he asked them why are they following a Hindu, he would get the prompt reply: "Because he gives us food and money. Can you give us that? How much have you in your pocket?."

Not Yet

Perhaps, the most significant passage in his speech came when some one from the audience asked him to show up his hand so that what he held in it could be seen.

"I have not begun to show my hand yet. Wait some time and you will see it in full," was Gandhiji's repartee.

The peal of laughter that greeted this repartee indicated that some of his hearers understood him in its figurative and literal aspects.

NO HIGH OR LOW.

Gandhiji continuing said there was no distinction in this village. Rich or poor, Brahmin or Bhangi all are treated alike. They would have noticed that the members of the Working Committee and other Congress leaders, ordinary delegates and visitors got the same food that could be obtained in the village. All of them had to treat themselves as a Bhangi and be prepared to face hardships which are usually borne by Bhangis.

Gandhiji assured the visitors to Faizpur that there were reptiles in Tilaknagar. Most of his associates in the camp were sleeping on the ground and none of them suffered from anything. They all had to content themselves with a limited water supply from two wells in Tilaknagar. But they will all agree that the weather in Faizpur is most enjoyable and exhilarating and this will more than make up for the want of amenities.

FUTURE SESSIONS.

Concluding Gandhiji hoped that in future, Congress would continue to be held in villages and would become more and more rural in character.

On the conclusion of Gandhiji's speech Goshepben Captain brought a brass oil lamp sent by Mr. Nandlal Bose for "Arathi."

Pandit Jawaharlal Nehru lighted the wick; and Gandhiji remarked: "The lamp has been lighted by Rashtrapati and would never be put out."

(Mr. V. L. Mehta's Speech on Page 8.)

Threats & Resignations Not Right Way

ELECTIONS ONLY SMALL PART OF FIGHT

Congress President's Warning Against Indiscipline

(Congress Special Service)

CONGRESS CAMP (Faizpur): Dec. 25.

Addressing the A. I. C. C. this afternoon Pandit Jawaharlal Nehru said, it was not a difficult thing for Congress to persuade people to vote for Congress candidates in the coming elections. Nevertheless, they had difficulties before them.

THE WRONG WAY.

Referring to the complaints regarding the selection of Congress candidates, Pandit Jawaharlal said that, it was possible that some mistakes had been made, but threats and resignations were not the right thing to do. Disciplinary rules would be enforced against indiscipline.

AGRARIAN PROBLEM.

Replying to a question Pandit Jawaharlal hoped that something would be done immediately in regard to the agrarian problem.

The A. I. C. C. then converted itself into the Subjects Committee.

TILAK NAGAR, Dec. 24.

The All-India Congress Committee meeting opened at two p.m. to-day in the beautifully decorated Subjects Committee Pandal, Pandit Jawaharlal Nehru presiding.

A large number of visitors and about hundred and fifty members of the All-India Congress Committee were present.

Prominent among those seated on dais were Vallabhbhai Patel, Babu Rajendra Prasad, Khan Abdul Gaffar Khan, Bhulabhai Desai, Abul Kalam Azad, Kripalani, Mrs. Naidu, Govind Vallabh Pant, Narendra Dev, Achyut Patwardhan, Shankerrao Deo, Nariman and Jamnalal Bajaj.

Pandit Jawaharlal Nehru president-elect arrived in procession with other colleagues of the Working Committee and was loudly cheered by audience as he entered Pandal and took his seat on the dais.

After "Vande-matram" was sung Pandit Jawaharlal made an introductory speech thanking the delegates and A. I. C. C. members for re-electing him President, and assured them he would give his best in the cause of the country.

President then asked Mr. Kripalani, General Secretary, All-India Congress Committee to present his annual report and accounts.

After these were adopted the President announced that the Committee would convert itself into Subjects Committee of the fiftieth session of Indian National Congress and take up resolutions already passed by Working Committee.

The President then moved non-controversial resolutions from the chair which were adopted with acclamation.

GOVT. & ELECTION PROPAGANDA

Congress President's Appeal To Voters

Addressing the Subjects Committee the President said the delegates present were his old friends with whom he had worked for a long time. He referred to the specialities of the President of Congress session and said it was the first village session in which they would have drawn upon their spirit of accommodation. The Reception authorities were faced with many difficulties but they triumphed over them.

Passing on to the political situation, Pt. Jawaharlal said, the Congress had put up many candidates. But, whether Congressmen were engaged in election or not they should attend the annual session so long as it was not impossible. It was not a difficult thing to persuade people to vote for Congress candidates. They had worked for the country for so long and so devotedly. Nevertheless, they had difficulties before them. Government was trying to put obstacles in their way. People had weaknesses and difficulties among themselves. The Congress candidates were not entering the legislatures to enjoy the sweets of office.

WHY THREATEN AND RESIGN?

Continuing Pandit Jawaharlal Nehru said:

Elections might come and elections might go, but the Congress work should go for ever. Many Congress leaders had not thrown themselves into election work but had kept themselves back. He referred to the resignations sent in by certain Congressmen and said, this was because they were not satisfied with the arrangements or nominations. He was happy the responsibility for election arrangements was not his, but that of Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel, Babu Rajendra Prasad and Pt. Govind Vallabh Pant. He himself did not regard resignation as wrong. It was possible some mistakes had been made in the selection of candidates, but threats and resignations were not right things to adopt. Congress however was not purturbed by these. Whoever adopted a threatening attitude did not know what organizations were and they had never carried on their work. Such threats revealed poor knowledge of political affairs.

DISCIPLINE

Warming up to his subject Pandit Nehru declared that election was only one of the things that Congress had to do. He declared amid applause that even if the heaven fell, Congress would go on. Congress could not accept every suggestion made. It could not take decision once for all and stick to it. He might fight with them in an unconstitutional way but ones own constitution one would never defy. Disciplinary rules framed were specially meant to meet the situation that might arise in connection with election and they would be enforced against indiscipline. In order to carry on great work before them, they must have the discipline tightened up.

REPORT SUBMITTED

The president then placed before the meeting the minutes of the previous A. I. C. C. meeting at Bombay and the report of the general secretary. Both were adopted

The President pointed out that accounts should not be placed before them as auditing was not yet over. He also said the committee of Messrs. Jamnalal Bajaj, Bhulabhai Desai and Mathuradas Tricumji had been appointed to

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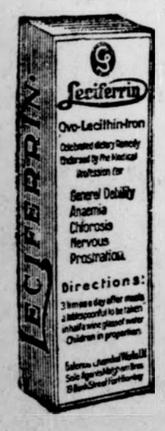

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Cold Wave Works Havoc In U. P.

LUCKNOW: December 25.

The United Provinces is in a strong grip of cold for the last few days. The temperature is below normal almost all over the Province, and deaths caused due to exposure are reported from several places.

A report received from the Nandprayag District states that, there was a cloud-burst on Wednesday followed by a hail storm. The temperature dropped to several degrees below the freezing point, resulting in several deaths.

Two land-slides are also reported on the Nandprayag-Gwaldom Road, delaying the 'Up' and 'Down' Joshimath Mail for a day.

A cold-wave is passing over both hills and plains. All along the Ganges Valley in Garhwal, the sun rises over hills at 10 a.m. and sets at about 2 in the afternoon.

At Agra the temperature has reached almost the freezing-point, while at Allahabad, Lucknow, Cawnpore and Jhansi the temperature is markedly below normal.

Crops have not hitherto suffered as the cold wave is not accompanied with frost.—United Press.

FIRE IN BOMBAY OIL MILLS

Seven Engines Fight Flames At Mahaluxmi: Cause Not Known

A fire occurred at the Mahalaksmi Oil Mills, at Lal Chimney, Lamington Road last evening.

The first call was received by the Byculla fire station at about 5-30 p.m.

Seven fire engines from Byculla, Babula Tank, Cotton Green, Dadar and Gowalia tank raced to the spot to fight the flames.

The fire was extinguished within an hour.

The cause of the fire is not known.

JUBILEE BOON IN NIZAM'S STATE

Remission Of Two Annas Per Rupee In 'Abi' Kist

(From Our Correspondent).

HYDERABAD (Resy.): Dec. 24.

The Silver Jubilee of the Nizam of Hyderabad and Berar will be celebrated from Feb. 13 to 26 next, has been announced in a State's Communique, issued to-day by the Nizam's Government.

According to the Communique issued to-day, the Nizam commanded through a firman that remission of 2 annas per rupee will be granted in "Abi" Kist, owing to the economic depression and prevailing low prices.

Teacher Quotes Shakespeare In Answer To Theft Charge

"You are a humbug as well as a criminal," observed the Recorder at Birmingham Quarter Session in sentencing John Thomas Flannery, 39, a schoolmaster, to three years' penal servitude for stealing a bicycle and other articles.

The police stated that Flannery had been dismissed from his school for intemperance, and had a long list of convictions. He specialised in stealing cheques and forging them.

After Flannery had appealed for leniency, the Recorder remarked: "I am never impressed by allusions to the Almighty made by people with records like yours, nor am I influenced by your quotations from Shakespeare."

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INJUSTICE DONE TO MUNICIPAL WORKERS

Mayor Will Receive Union Representatives And Consider Grievances

The Secretary, Municipal Workers' Union, writes:—

Since the beginning of the last quarter of this year, the Municipal Workers' Union has put forth some important issues raised by workers in various departments of the Bombay Municipality.

The following are important ones and greatly deserve the attention of the Corporation and the members thereof:

General increment; claim of seniority; legal aid to be given by the Municipality to the Health Department drivers; and an impartial inquiry into cases of accidents; and abolition of Pali system.

Complains Bring No Effect

All these isues were represented through correspondence and interviews with various officials (including the Commissioner) and due publication was given through press and leaflets. Along with this many individual complaints and grievances arising out of the above issues were represented through numberless letters. But all this has brought no good.

What is needed is an impartial inquiry by some responsible Municipal authorities of all these vital issues which have spread discontent amongst the many thousands of workers of the Municipality.

The type of the policy that is adopted for granting increment has given rise to full favouritism and this favouritism has completely taken away the right of seniority of workers and the benefit arising out of that.

Injustice To Workers

The Deputy City Engineer has clearly expressed his opinion, whereby he has given full discretion to the subordinate officials who, in many cases, being incompetent to carry out their duties, have done great injustice to workers and, in many cases, the individuals are brought to a great loss.

The Union demanded a thorough inquiry into some important cases of accidents of Health Department drivers, where the Motor Foreman, who is in charge of the Department, has failed to give justice to the workers. On many occasions the Union officials have warned the officers in charge against the corruption and bribery that is going on in this department since many years past.

We have, therefore, to suggest that the representatives of workers in the Corporation will take up these questions of vital importance and get them solved through a special committee to be appointed for this purpose.

Mayor To Discuss Grievances

I have no space here to go into details of these issues, of which I have tried to give a general impression for the information of the members of the Corporation.

After many discussions by the various officials in this matter, the Mayor has kindly accepted the representation of the workers who will meet him in a deputation, headed by the Union Officials, in the first week of January.

We hope that much good can be derived from this, if the Mayor intends to take up the question seriously.

SUFFERING FROM OPIUM POISONING

Prakash Chandra (30), who was found in an unconscious condition at his residence in Sutta Gulli, Moti Bazar, was removed to the G. T. Hospital last night.

It was discovered that he was suffering from Opium poisoning. He has been detained in the Hospital.

VILIFYING INDIA IN PICTURES?

Government Urged To Safeguard Nation's Honour

MADRAS, (By Mail.)

At Madras Film Conference which concluded its session on Monday last, the following resolution moved by Mr. A. R. V. Achar was adopted:—

"This Conference deplores the indiscriminate censorship of topical news reels bearing on day-to-day events in India, and appeals to the Government and the public to encourage the production of such news reels on a more extensive scale."

Among the other resolutions that were adopted are:

"This Conference emphasises the need for production of more pictures bearing on the everyday life of the people, with modern themes of an educative and reforming character, with a nationalistic outlook."

"This Conference, considering the importance of educational films in the future of India and the whole world, calls upon producers and directors of films, to form a national committee of the International Educational Cinematograph Committee at Rome."

"Considering the importance of educational films this Conference exnorts producers to give their heartiest encouragement to such pictures."

"This Conference views with horror the menace of growing obscenity in our pictures and recommends to producers to exercise an effective control in this matter."

The following resolution was then moved by Mr. S. Satyamurthi, M.L.A., and adopted:—

"This Conference views with alarm the tendency to vilify India in pictures produced abroad and calls upon the Government and the people of India to take necessary steps for safeguarding India's honour and interest".—United Press.

"B. N. R. WORKERS' BRAVE STAND"

M. & S. M. Railwaymen Support Strike

(From A Correspondent.)

HUBLI, (By Mail).

A general body meeting of the M. & S. M. Ry. Union was held in Kulkarni's Hall, on the 22nd inst., under the chairmanship of Mr. Anappa.

The speaker, Mr. Holalgundi, explained in detail the history of Labour in India, and how it is, down-trodden at every step, by the Capitalist, which leads to direct action. The B. N. Rly. workers were fighting for their just and proper cause. Mr. Giri and V. R. Kalappa had made quite clear, their position to the Administration, and the strike was mainly due to the policy of the Rly. Administration. Nearly 48,000 workers had joined the strike and many were joining. The speaker further stated that, if no settlement was arrived at the situation might become still worse.

LEGITIMATE CAUSE.

The following resolution was unanimously passed:—

"This meeting of the Hubli workers considers that the B. N. Rly. Workers are fighting for their just and legitimate cause, and sympathises with them both morally and materially, in their brave stand, and requests the Government of India to appoint a Conciliation Board, to settle the dispute at an early date."

12TH A. I. EDUCATIONAL CONFERENCE

The opening session of the Conference will be held on the 27th December at 4 p.m. at Gwalior. Maharaja George Jivaji Rao Scindia will inaugurate the Conference personally. Rao Bahadur L. B. Mulye will deliver the welcome address while Pt. Iqbal Narain Gurtu will be formally elected President will read his Presidential Address.

CHEAP JOURNEY TO GOA IN X'MAS HOLIDAYS

Severe competition between the Bombay Steam Navigation, The Ratnagar Steam Navigation and the Swadeshi Co-operative Steamship Companies on Bombay-Goa service has resulted, to the merriment of Christmas holiday excursionists, in unprecedented reduction in fares on Bombay-Goa line.

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Distance—6 Furlongs.

Winner Rs. 1,500; Second, Rs. 500; Third, Rs. 250. For Arabs in Class III. W. A. reduced 7 lbs. Penalties—Winners after 31st October, 1935, of a race or races of the aggregate value of Rs. 2,000 or over 7lbs. or of a race or races of the aggregate value of Rs. 3,000 or over 12 lbs. Allowance—Ponies 14 hands and under, 4 lbs.

Sattam 8-13, Lila 8-10, Watchmaker II 8-10, Goolab 8-10, Mulzoom 8-10, Faddak 8-10, Zohal 8-9, Hazrat Beg 8-9, Khallan Dabih 8-9, Gay Dilawar 8-9, Grey Prince 8-9, Full Moon 8-6, Masud Shammar 8-6, Nassar Allah 8-6, Gold 8-0, Timiat 8-0, Five Stars 7-13, Waterloo 7-13, Lucky Son (late Dolfuss in Iraq) 7-10, Hadwan 7-7.

2nd Race: 2-15 p. m.
THE BELLASIS PLATE—(Div. II.)
Distance—6 Furlongs.

Winner, Rs. 1,500; Second Rs. 500; Third Rs 250. For Arabs in Class III. W. A. reduced 7 lbs. Penalties—Winners after 31st October, 1935, of a race or races of the aggregate value of Rs. 2,000 or over 7lbs. or of a race or races of the aggregate value of Rs. 3,000 or over 12 lbs. Allowance—Ponies 14 hands and under, 4lbs.

High Flier 9-3, Bahadur 9-3, Mijlat 8-13, Kanz al Dowla 8-13, Tair al Zaman 8-10, Lookman 8-10, Sarha Khanim 8-10, Rahimatullah 8-9, Asmat Pasha 8-6, Faisal 8-6, Al Fazal (late Stingaree) 8-6, Nassiril Iraq 8-6, Cleopatra 8-3, Green Pigeon 8-0, Mujbil Hamid 8-0, Golden Sceptre 7-13, Sultan 7-10, Saad Nazam 7-10, Capricious 7-7.

3rd Race: 2-45 p. m.
THE GAYDON PLATE.
Distance—5 Furlongs.

Winner, Rs 2,000; Second, Rs. 700; Third, Rs. 300. A Handicap for horses in Class IV.

Bertha 9-4, Castletoi 8-11, Riseholme 8-7, Witness 8-9, Yes (late Confiscator) 8-7, Adarette 8-4, Column (late Bay Donald) 7-11, Oratorio 7-7, Poor Marten 7-7.

4th Race: 3-15 p. m.
THE ROCKHAMPTON PLATE—(Div. I.)
Distance—7 Furlongs.

Winner, Rs. 3,000; Second, Rs. 1,000; Third, Rs. 500. A Handicap for Horses in Class III.

Cybo 9-0, Naidor 8-12, Greek Artist 8-10, Flare 8-9, Thurlestone 8-2, Irish Ford 8-0, Kiss in the Mist 8-0, Mount Essex 7-9.

5th Race: 3-45 p. m.
THE TULSI PLATE.
Distance—6 Furlongs.

Winer, Rs. 2,000; Second, Rs. 700; Third, Rs. 300. A Handicap for Arabs in Class II.

Amir 9-2, King Ghazi 8-13, No Limit 8-11, Amirulmulk 8-11, Advocate 8-6, Riyad II 8-3, Walk Over 8-0, Bahadur al Iraq 8-0, Lucky Boy 7-11, Desert Prince 7-9, Gurji Beg 7-7, English Star 7-0.

6th Race: 4-15 p. m.
THE ROCKHAMPTON PLATE—(Div. II.)
Distance—7 Furlongs.

Winner, Rs 3,000; Second, Rs. 1,000. Third, Rs. 500 A Handicap for Horses in Class III.

Gipsy Jack 9-3, Mr. Pip 9-1, Court Card 8-11, Lenadoon 8-10, Heramia 8-4, Parknasilla 7-11, Doreda 7-9, Jubilee Essex 7-9.

7th Race: 4-45 p. m.
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8th Race: 5-15 p. m.
THE DONCASTER PLATE
Distance—7 Furlongs.

Winer, Rs. 6,000; Second, Rs. 1,500; Third, Rs. 1,000. A Handicap for Horses in Class II.

Grecian Orb 9-0 Glanely 9-0, Centoi 8-8, Irish Broadcast 8-8, Masticate 8-6, Raghubeer 8-1, Royal Prince 7-13, King Stefan 7-10, Myron 7-7.

9th Race: 5-45 p. m.
THE MAHIM PLATE.
Distance—1 Mile, 1 Furlong.

Winner, Rs 4,000; Second, Rs. 1,400; Third, Rs. 600 A Handicap for Arabs in Class I.

Samra Layali 9-4, Karam Allah 9-3, Al Muqbil 9-0, Hussun al Iraq 8-11 Mujbil Hatim 8-4, Firpo 8-1, Al Hazar 7-12, Bushboos 7-8, Aziza 7-7, Ghaflah 7-4, Zozan 7-0.

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WINNING POST (Dillon) covered ten furlongs at a smart pace. Has made considerable improvement.

WHY (Read) was sent over the mile and a quarter CENTOI (Lightfoot) accompanying him over the last six. Former has never been better.

ON TIME (Mendoza) outpaced CARIOCA (Donoghue) in a nine furlongs' span.

VENDETTA strode out well in an easy mile gallop. Must be winning a race before long.

VIJAY KUMAR II shaped better than SHIVAJI THE GREAT (Obaid) in a mile and a quarter gallop.

GARTER PRINCESS (Sibbritt) had FRANCOLIN (Black) for company in a run over the ten. They are fit and well.

FLARE (Burn) and HOROSCOPE (Dillon) contested seven furlongs and moved well enough to suggest that they are in good fettle at the moment.

YES (Read) and THRELSTONE (Lightfoot) gave a speedy display for five furlongs. Keep an eye on the former.

PARKNASILLA (Burn) had NIPPY (O'Neale) well beaten in a dash over the six. Former has improved.

JUBILEE ESSEX (O'Neale) was fair over seven furlongs. Requires time.

NUR JEHAN (R. Boy) and GOLDEN SCEPTRE (Sibbritt) went really well for six furlongs and finished together.

TAIR AL ZAMAN (R. Boy) had the beating of SUHAMA in a dash over the sprint course.

MUJBIL HAMID (Northmore) moved smoothly for a mile. This one should soon open his winning account.

MULZOOM (R. Boy) and LOOKMAN (R. Boy) were exercised over six furlongs. They are fit and well.

LUCKY SON (Gethin) impressed when beating a stable companion over six.

FULL MOON (Sibbritt) held KANZAL DOWLA (Jones) in a fast six furlongs' dash. Former has come on well in recent weeks.

Note:—AL GHAZI; JILL'S FIRST and RED FLAME.

"AS YOU LIKE IT" ANOTHER BERGENER TRIUMPH

At The Regal

Shakespeare wrote for the masses. If the drudgery of the schoolroom has for so long dulled the masses' appreciation of Shakespeare and the Old Vice been within reach of the comparatively few, the new Paul Czinner film version of "As You Like It" has brought the national poet to the people in the form most likely to appeal to them. No weary waiting for scene shifting—no intervals—no cramped and hackneyed sets. Here is the Forest of Arden—the Duke's Court—the wrestling of Charles and Orlando, as we have seen them in our mind's eye, produced with a breadth and vision unsurpassed by any other motion picture. The ingredients which went to make this film were in themselves sureties against mediocrity. In each sphere the expert was employed—the sets by Lazare Meerson, the costumes by John Armstrong and Joe Strassner, the music by England's greatest composer, Williams Walton (one of the most beautiful components of the film) played by the London phil a monic Orchestra, conducted by Efrem Kurtz (the famous conductor of de Basil's Russian Ballet Company), the treatment suggested by J. M. Barrie, and, finally, the cast. Headed by Elizabeth Bergener, the cast is one of the most distinguished ever chosen. "As You Like it" is another triumph for Bergner—here Hosalind is superb. Laurence Olivier, a dashing and ideal Orlando, speaks his lines boldly and with such verve that he carries the audience with him through all his joys and troubles. Sophie Stewart makes a lovely vivacious Celia. Notable also is Leon Quartermaine's exquisite Jaques. Though this characterisation the beauty and rhythm of Shakespeare's verse viorates with life. Henry Ainley, too, rolls out his words in his splendid bass, which brings out the melody of the phrases and gives meaning to what, hitherto, has been to many nothing but mere words. Mackenzie Ward as Touchstone, Aus in Trevor as Le Beau, Felix Aylmer as the Duke Frederick and John Laurie as Oliver all add to the excellence of the general performance. "As You Like It" is an advance in motion picture art and without doubt the best film production of Shakespeare to date.

"BIG BROADCAST OF 1937"

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Broadcast of 1937", similar to the one he played in another radio film last year.

A close second to Benny in the ranks of popularity are the inimitable George Burns and Gracie Allen. This pair also are not new to the movies, having appeared in Paramount short subjects about five years ago. This was before they were on the air, having come to Hollywood via the vaudeville route. They also were starred in other big pictures, notably "The Big Broadcast of 1936," by the same producers last year.

Bob Burns, "Bazooka" virtuoso and spinner of homespun philosophy, comes to the screen for the second time in "The Big Broadcast of 1937", after having scored a hit in a featured role he was given in "Rhythm on the Range" with Bing Crosby. Burns has sky-rocketed to fame over the radio waves within the past year. With him is Martha Raye, the vivacious youngster who appeared with him and Crosby in "The Music Hall of the Air." She, too, went to fame in her first motion picture effort "Rhythm on the Range." Before recognition came to Miss Raye she was a night club singer in Chicago.

Benny Goodman "King of Swing" and his Orchestra are other radio favourites who appear in this picture. Leopold Stokowski, internationally famous concert conductor, makes his screen debut in this picture. He has a large following among classical fans on the air. Benny Fields, the popular singer, also makes his debut in this picture. Another newcomer of note is Frank Forest, famed concert singer. He is an American but has only been heard in this country twice. Stan Kavanagh, the internationally famous comic juggler who has entertained a whole generation on the vaudeville stage and in the circus, also appears before the cameras for the first time in this picture.

Beautiful Shirley Ross, an exquisite dancer and an unusual singer gets her first stellar assignment in "The Big Broadcast of 1937," supplying the love interest opposite Ray Milland, English actor who is already on his way to stardom. Miss Ross has been in pictures only a short time but has already scored great successes. She is regarded in Hollywood as a certain "comer."

"FAUST" AT THE CAPITOL

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gentle yielding in the sweet melting atones of Signorina Palazini forms a great duet and brings the scene to an end. With the mocking laughter of the cynical Mefistofole in the background.

The orchestra successfully creates the church atmosphere as the next scene opens by subdued music creating the organ effect. We felt the lack of numbers in the famous Soldier's Chorus, but it deserved the approval of popular applause that it won. Mefistofole's internal mocking "serenade" leads on to a magnificent trio, followed by the crisis of Valentino's fatal duel, his dying curses that torment Marguerita and unbalances her. The final Faust-Marguerite Duet gives full scope to Signorina Palazzini's dramatic powers to depict the tense emotions she passes through, and to the impassioned singing of Signor Alfieri. The final trio is a fitting end of the great opera.

We unhesitatingly commend this performance by the Gonsalez Company as one of its best for the brilliant singing of the cast and the orchestral accompaniment of a very high standard that would do credit to any Opera Company.

J. C. D.

Selections For To-day's Races

(By "NEMO")

FIRST RACE:—
MULZOOM 1
WATCHMAKER II 2
HADWAN 3

SECOND RACE:—
GOLDEN SCEPTRE 1
SAAD NAZAM 2
CLEOPATRA 3

THIRD RACE:—
BERTHA 1
YES 2
COLUMN 3

FOURTH RACE:—
GREEK ARTIST 1
CYBO .. 2
FLARE ... 3

FIFTH RACE:—
WALK OVER 1
AMIR 2
AMIRULMULK 3

SIXTH RACE:—
MR. PIP 1
LENADOON 2
DOREDA 3

SEVENTH RACE:—
VIJAYA KUMAR II 1
WHY 2
VENDETTA 3

EIGHTH RACE:—
IRISH BROADCAST 1
ROYAL PRINCE 2
GLANELY 3

NINTH RACE:—
AL HAZAR 1
FIRPO 2
KARAM ALLAH ... 3

DAILY DOUBLE

BERTHA and MR PIP.

DAILY TREBLE

WALK OVER, VIJAYAKUMAR II and IRISH BROADCAST

SOCIALISTS WELCOME CONGRESS MANIFESTO

But Condemn Choice Of Candidates & Demand Action On Manifesto

TILAKNAGAR, Dec. 24.

At the All-India Socialist Conference Dr Rammanohar Lohia, Foreign Secretary of the All-India Congress Committee, moved with a vigorous speech a long resolution re-affirming an unequivocal condemnation of the new Constitution, welcoming the robust and militant tone of the Congress Election Manifesto and deploring the action of the Congress Parliamentary Board in refusing the candidature of Socialists in several provinces and opining that it violated the spirit of the Congress Election Manifesto.

The resolution further called upon the members of the Socialist Party to utilise the opportunity of election propaganda to further their cause.

Acharya Narendra Dev in according support to the resolution counselled Socialists to use the Council platform to promote their struggle for independence. As this platform had been misused by reactionaries Congress had decided to capture it with a view to prevent any harm being caused to the country through this channel. He stressed that the Congress victory in the elections would signal the country's victory in fight for freedom.

After the resolution was adopted the conference terminated amidst loud cheers.—United Press Special.

Socialist Party Office Bearers Elected

TILAKNAGAR Dec. 25.

Mr. Jaiprakash Narain was unanimously elected General Secretary of the All-India Congress Socialist Party at a private session of the Socialist Conference held last night.

Mr. M. R. Masani, Mr. Nambodaripad, Mr. Dinkar Mehta and Mr. Sampurananand were elected

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Sunrise: 7h 9m
Sunset: 6h 9m
Boxing Day: Public Holiday. Banks closed.
S. S. 'Ranchi' with homeward mails sails at 1 p.m.
S. S. 'Rawalpindi' with English Mails of December 10 due at 4 p.m.
Quadrangular Cricket Tournament, Final, Bombay Gymkhana ground, 10-30 a.m.
Bombay Races: Christmas Meeting, 6th Day. First race starts at 1-45 p.m.

PRARTHANA SAMAJ

Mr. V. S. Sohoni will conduct the weekly Divine Service in the Prarthana Mandir, Girgaum, to-day (Sunday) at 5-30 p.m.

SIRDAR HIGH SCHOOL

The Matriculation examination results from the above High School show 66 per cent pass.

LATE DR. DHRUV

A meeting of the Medical profession will be held to-morrow (Sunday) at 6 p.m. at Blavatsky Lodge, French Bridge, Chowpatty, to record the loss, which the medical profession has sustained by the untimely and sad death of Dr. J. D. Dhruv. Dr. Popat Prabhuram will preside.

RAJPUTANA AND C. I. STATES WORKERS' CONFERENCE

The second session of the Rajputana and Central India States Workers' League will be held in Faizpur at Tilaknagar on 28th instant. Syt. Sidhanath Madhav Agarkar, Editor "Hindi Swarajya", Khandwa and Syt. Raghunathprasad Parsai are trying to make it a success. The most urgent and important and pressing question concerning Federation and the helpless position of the people are to be discussed.

MOONLIGHT BAND AT VICTORIA GARDENS

Officers Commanding and Officers of 1st Bn. G. I. P. Railway Regiment (A. F.'L) will play a programme of music at Victoria Gardens, to-day (Saturday) commencing at 9 p.m. (S.T.)

AMUSEMENTS OF THE DAY

EXCELSIOR—"Everybody Dance". Daily at 4, 6-30 and 10 p.m.
REGAL—"As You Like It". Daily at 4, 6-30 and 10 p.m.
ROXY—"Manzil." Daily at 5-15, 8 and 10-30 p.m. Matinee, to-day and to-morrow at 2-45 p.m.
CAPITOL—Gonsalez Grand Opera Company. Daily at 6 and 10 p.m.
CENTRAL—"Tukaram". Daily at 5-15, 8 and 10-45 p.m. Matinee, to-day and to-morrow at 2-30 p.m.
PATHE—"The Big Broadcast of 1937." Daily at 3-30, 6-30 and 10 p.m. Sunday morning show at 10 a.m.
WELLINGTON—"Bu'bul-e-Iran". Daily at 5-15, 8 and 10-30 p.m. Matinee, to-day and to-morrow at 2-30 p.m.
PLAZA—"Show Boat." Daily at 6-30 and 10 p.m. Matinee, to-day and to-morrow at 3-30 p.m.
GLOBE—"Shokh Dilruba." Daily at 5-15, 8 and 10-45 p.m. Matinee, to-day and to-morrow at 2-45 p.m.
MINERVA—"Prem-ki-Ag." Daily at 2-30, 5-15, 8 and 10-45 p.m.
KRISHNA—"Awakening". Daily at 5-15 8 and 10-45 p.m. Matinee, to-day and to-morrow at 2-30 p.m.
IMPERIAL—"Manmohan." Daily at 5-15, 8 and 10-45 p.m. Matinee, to-day and to-morrow at 2-30 p.m.
EDWARD—"Achhut Kanya." Daily at 5-15, 8 and 10-45 p.m. Matinee, to-day and to-morrow at 2-15 p.m.
HINDMATA—"Captain Blood." Daily at 5-15 and 10-30 p.m. Matinee, to-day and to-morrow at 2-30 p.m.
OPERA HOUSE—"Janma Bhoomi". Daily at 5-15, 8 and 10-30 p.m. Matinee to-day and to-morrow at 2-30 p.m.

BOMBAY NATIONAL GUARDS

Mr. K. N. Gaitonde, President of the Bombay National Guards, left for Faizpur on Friday to study the Volunteer Organization during the Congress Session.

KHOJA SHIA ISHNA ASHRI JAMAT

The third meeting of the current year of the above institution will be held to-morrow (Sunday) at 10-30 a.m. (B.T.) in the Musjid premises at (Pala Gully) Samuel Street.

ALL-INDIA DIGAMBAR JAIN PARISHAD

The date of the annual session of the Parishad has been postponed to the Easter holidays. Persons desirous of inviting the Parishad to their places should write to Tansukh Rai Jain, Secretary, All-India Digamber Jain Parishad, Post Box No. 59, Delhi.

ARYA SAMAJ LECTURE

Pandti Pardubhai V. Sharma will deliver a public lecture on "Concentration of Mind" to-day (Saturday) at 6-30 p.m. (S.T.) at the Matunga Arya Samaj Mandir.

B. P. STUDENTS' CONFERENCE

A meeting of the Executive Committee of Reception Committee of the Bombay Presidency Students' Conference will be held to-day (Saturday) at 6 p.m. on the premises of the Bombay Students' Brotherhood (Kennedy Bridge Chowpatty).

BYCULLA DISTRICT CONGRESS COMMITTEE

The Monthly Flag Salutation Ceremony will be performed by the President Sjt. R. K. Acharekar in the Committee's Hall, at Byculla to-morrow (Sunday) at 8 a.m. (S.T.)

BHULESHWAR CONGRESS COMMITTEE

Under the auspices of Bhuleshwar District Congress Committee, the Monthly Flag Salutation Ceremony will be performed to-morrow (Sunday) at 8 a.m. (S.T.) at the Committee Office, Chhotalal Bhuvan, Kalbadevi Road, Syt. Yashwant K. Parulekar will hoist the Flag.

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C. P. AND BERARS SKITTLED OUT

Make Poor Score Against Hyderabad In Inter-Provincial Cricket

(From Our Correspondent).

HYDERABAD (Dn.): Dec. 25.

Batting first against Hyderabad in the Inter-Provincial Cricket match which opened here this morning, the Central Provinces & Berar made a poor start, losing their four wickets for 29 runs, when S. J. Naidu and Jaivant (Captain) coming together for the fifth wicket partnership, made a recovery scoring 66 runs between them after their dismissal the local bowlers again had the upper hand and skittled out their opponents for a total of 150 runs collected in three hours and 20 minutes.

Mehta was the most successful bowler on the Hyderabad side and he captured 5 wickets for 31 runs.

Hyderabads in their first knock scored 65 for the loss of 5 wickets when the stumps were drawn for the day.

THE SCORES.

C.P. & BERAR: (1ST INNINGS).

Shrivastav, c and b Mehta	6
Frazer, b Vajubha	11
T. S. Naidu, l.b.w., b Vajubha	6
S. J. Naidu, b Ibrahim Khan	38
Zahoor Ahmad, c Riazul Haq, b Ibrahim Khan	1
Jaivant, c Ibrahim Khan, b Mehta	39
Hiralal, l.b.w., b Mehta	25
Laghate, b Ibrahim Khan	0
Sarwate, (not out)	10
Sane, c Ibrahim Khan, b Mehta	2
Chitnavis, c Venkatswami, b Mehta	4
Extras	8
Total	150

BOWLING ANALYSIS:—Ibrahim Khan 3 for 50; Riazul Haq 0 for 8; Mehta 5|31; Vajubha 2|22; Asadullah 0|21; Dayanand 0|10.

HYDERABAD: (1ST INNINGS).

Venkatswami, c Jaivant, b Chitnavis	4
Mache, b Chitnavis	27
Asadullah, c Jaivant, b Sarwate	23
Aibara, c T. S. Naidu, b Sarwate	5
Mehta, st. Jaivant, b Sarwate	0
S. M. Hussain (batting)	2
Vajubha (batting)	2
Total (for 5 wkts.)	65

DR. ORR JOINS MIRAJ MISSION HOSPITAL

The Mission Hospital, Miraj has announced that Dr. Ian Orr, at present of the L. M. S. hospital Neyyoor, Travancore, has been appointed to the surgical staff of the hospital. He has accepted the appointment and plans to join early in January.

Dr. Orr has been associated with Dr. A. T. Somervell whom many will remember as a member of that party which so nearly succeeded in climbing Mount Everest a few years ago. He has a very fine reputation as a surgeon and teacher throughout South India. He holds the degrees of M.D., Ch.B. (Glasgow), F.R.C.S. Edinburgh.

CHRISTMAS TREE

Sports followed by Christmas Tree of residents of Dadar (G. I. P.) will be held to-day (Saturday) at 3 p.m. opposite Vincent Terrace, Pasta Road, Capt. Jos. Alban D'Souza will preside.

RAJPUTANA-CENTRAL INDIA STATES' WORKERS' CONFERENCE

Arrangements for the conference of the workers of Rajputana and Central India States are nearly complete. The Conference will be held in National Week at Tilaknagar, Faizpur, on 28th instant.

ACKNOWLEDGMENTS

We have received a tear-off and a table calendar for 1937 from the Trinity Timber Syndicate, Bombay.

We have received a card board calendar for 1937 from Bhagwanlal Nanavati and Co., Calcutta.

SIXTH L. I. M. CONFERENCE AND EXHIBITION

The sixth L. I. M. Conference and Exhibition commences on Monday (28th instant) at the Andhra Christian College Buildings, Guntur, under the presidency of Dr. D. S. Ramachandra Rao, M.A., M.D. Syt. P Anjaneyulu Pantulu Garu, B.A., will open the conference, and Dr. K. Vullakki, M.B., Ch.B. will open the Exhibition.

FLAG SALUTATION AT CONGRESS HOUSE

Under the joint auspices of the Bombay Provincial Congress Committee and the Girgaum District Congress Committee, the monthly Flag Salutation ceremony will be performed in the Congress House to-morrow (Sunday) at 8 a.m. (S. T.) Sjt. P. R. Lele will unfurl the flag.

FLAG SALUTATION AT PAREL

Under the auspices of the 'F' Ward District Congress Committee, the monthly national flag salutation will be held to-morrow (Sunday) at 8 a.m. (S.T.) on the "Lal Maidan" Lal Baug. Syt. D. D. Wadia will unfurl the flag and Syt. Kashiprasad Sinha, L. V. Kondaye, D. J. Athalye and others will speak.

Commemoration Of A Forgotton Empire

Vijayanagar Was Eldest Child Of Hindustan's Liberty, Says Shankaracharya

(From Our Correspondent.)

HAMPI, Dec. 25.

The following are excerpts from the presidential address delivered by His Holiness Shri Shankaracharya (Dr Kurtakoti) at the Vijayanagar Sexcentenary Celebrations, at Hampi, on Friday:—

The Sexcentenary of Vijayanagar is a historical event that will awaken in our hearts the memories of the past glories of this country, when the highest advances were made in science and philosophy and in all branches that make civilization possible. I take the glory of Vijayanagar as the glory of Hindusthan and the glory of the Hindu Dharma.

EMPIRE'S ACHIEVEMENTS.

The builders of this great Empire recognized the supreme necessity of giving free play to the genius and inborn talents of all races of men and all creeds and sects that Providence brought under their rule. The highest test of culture and civilization lies in this that every man and and woman should share in ideas of light and liberty and every person, no matter however great or low should find an opportunity for self-upliftment and the full realization of his ideas and ideals. It was because the Vijayanagar Empire gave to its varied inhabitants this supreme blessing of participation in knowledge and culture and an opportunity to evolve their personalities on lines of the highest aspiration of the greatness and the perfection of the human spirit, that it was able to stand with supreme confidence against all the world and count upon the unfailing support of its subjects to repel the constant aggressive attack that the envious enemies were making against them.

MATERIAL PROSPERITY.

If however I make so much of this moral and spiritual greatness of the Vijaynagar Empire, you must not think that I forget its achievements in the material sphere. It carried on commerce and conducted manufactures that obtained for Hindusthan a celebrity that reverberated in all the known world of that time. European travellers, Portuguese and Italian, have left us an account of the magnificence of its capital and the affluence of its citizens which staggers us with a sense of incredulity at this time. So great was that affluence and so strong the sense of material welfare that it was felt all over the land. It might have been almost said that in those days every cultivator went happily tending his luxuriant fields, whistling to his gay team of sleek oxen and milking the never exhausted udders of his sleek cows. It may be said that the peasant put on his attire on Dasara or Dipavali festivals and beamed with joy as he contemplated the sparkling eyes of his children and the coy delights of his wife, without any shadow of the creditor or moneylender clouding the festive visions of his mind.

Well did the greatest dramatist of England in his Henry VIII sing of the glorious times that Archbishop Cranmer prophesied for the infant Queen Elizabeth at the moment of her birth. Under her reign, said Cranmer, every farmer would drink his own wine in his own vine-yard. I may say it might be said of the contemporary Vijayanagar Empire that under its rule every peasant drank his own sugar-cane juice or ate his mango-piece in his own sugar-cane grove or in his own Mango grove. Such liberty he had, such pleasures he had; and fed with such pure and undefiled pleasures, the manhood and the womanhood of the Empire were prepared to die for their country and preserve their heritage of liberty and culture even at the cost of death—death of themselves or of their brave warrior sons. Who can love a country unless she is lovely? Who can love an Empire unless she is the nursery of brave men and women? That is what Vijayanagar actually was. Her greatness was such that even after her extinction, she kept alive the embers of greatness in her children.

SOLICITUDE FOR WELFARE.

Historians have attested the greatness of Vijayanagar, the grandeur of its buildings, the magnificence of its markets, the vast volume of its trade. These are records left behind by eye-witnesses who saw its greatness even when it was in the cradle of its birth and who testified to her splendours upto within a short time of the final spasms of its extinction. The city grew because it found an increasing team of Hindu population who fled to it as the only asylum against the fanaticism and oppression of the Muslim Rulers of the Bahamani Kingdom and of the sub-kingdoms that arose from its ashes. Their sea ports on the West Coast poured out the treasures of the Western world into its emporiums. For a long time Goa, with its noble harbour, was within its jurisdiction. Ferishta the great historian of the Moghul times, who for a long time lived at Bijapur admits that this Hindu Empire was greatly superior in power, wealth and territory to the Mahomedan neighbour the Bahamani Kingdom. The Empire carried out great irrigation schemes under Bukka II, the most important of which was the reservoir formed by constructing a huge dam across the Tungabhadra. But it is needless for me to enlarge upon this aspect of the Vijayanagar Empire, nor about its art and architecture, very little of which has remained in Hampi itself where we have assembled to-day, but which though little and in a dilapidated condition has evoked tributes of praise from persons most qualified to speak on the subject. Nor is it necessary for me to dwell upon the literary achievements in the domain of Sanskrit, Telugu, Kannada and Tamil letters of the Vijayanagar Empire.

LESSON OF FALL

The lesson to be deduced is that the Hindus must stand united, confident in their own strength. Let them not hypnotize themselves with an air of false security and false professions of friendship. Let them see what is going on around them. Let them beware of traps and snares social and other.

But even so the fall of a great state or of a great empire must bring tears to our eyes.

The worth of Venice, Wordsworth told us, did not fall below her birth and he described that town as the eldest child of liberty. I say that here in Hindustan after the first triumphs of the Muslims, Vijayanagar was the eldest child of liberty. The Marathas and the Sikhs came later. Vijayanagar prepared the ground for the Marathas in that she prevented the arts of statecraft from being forgotten among the Hindus. And she kept alive the instinct of defence without which where would Maratha soldiery have been? And yet there was a fall! All of them had a fall!! But from every fall we must rise with a greater strength and a greater purpose, trusting in God who helps those that help themselves.

CAUSES OF INDIA'S POVERTY

BOMBAY, Dec. 25.

The Bombay Branch of the Servants of India Society was at home to Dr. Rajani Kant Das of the International Labour Office, Geneva, Mrs. Howe Martin of the International movement and Mr. Ceresol of the International Voluntary Service, on December 22.

Dr. Das in his speech gave an account of his economic researches in America and his own conclusion in regard to the causes of India's poverty. Mrs. Howe Martin referred to the awakening amongst the womenhood of the world and emphasised the need of putting a stop to the terrible annual toll of the lives of two million young mothers and more than half a million babies in India.

Mr. Ceresol explained his philosophy of positive pacifism.

Mr. N. M. Joshi the Vice-President of the Society thanked the guests. —A.P

"EVERYBODY DANCE"

At Excelsior

With Cicely Courtneidge in "Everybody Dance" at the Excelsior this evening the comedy excels unexpected pich in entertainment. The story is about a popular night club queen-Lady Kate. Her press agent—Don Fleming does spicy stories for newspapers. She gains in rather unpleasant publicity. She becomes, as circumstances would have it, the guide and protector of the young American nephew and niece Kate begins to change her role and the story achieves from that moment its laughter provoking complications.

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CONGRESS RESOLUTIONS

The resolutions on the King's Coronation, the Frontier Policy, Natural Calamities and Suppression of Civil Liberties, as drafted by the Congress Working Committee for adoption by the plenary session, are all non-controversial but necessary for the purpose of indicating the precise views of the Congress on these topics and building up public opinion in support of them. So far as the resolution on the King's Coronation is concerned, it practically follows from the Congress Creed of complete independence and the present general policy of Non-Co-operation. The Congress advises the nation to abstain from participating in all functions connected with the Coronation. It is well, however, that the resolution makes it quite clear that the Congress attitude is "in no way intended to express any ill-will or discourtesy to the King's person."

Frontier Policy

The resolution on the Frontier policy of the Government of India is absolutely necessary for the purpose of exposing the deplorable features behind that policy and warning the country against dangers involved therein. The resolution accordingly points out that the policy has so far "signally failed in establishing peace on the Frontier and has often resulted in making the friendly trans-border tribes unfriendly and hostile and that it has been pursued "in the interests of imperialism and mostly with the object of justifying the many military expenditure in India and of providing training under semi-war conditions for the otherwise idle troops maintained for imperial purposes." On the other hand, if the trans-border tribes are treated as good neighbours and are not needlessly interfered with "on the pretext of spreading civilisation or by making military roads under the guise of rendering economic assistance or otherwise," the tribes can be made a valuable source of strength and will help to lessen the burden of military expenditure on India. These views are shared by all Indians who have given any thought to the Frontier policy; and if Government have any doubt on this account they have only to institute an enquiry into the economic, political and military situation with a view to settle finally and peacefully the problem of the Frontier in co-operation with the border tribes. Some interesting light will be thrown, we expect, on the Frontier question by Khan Abdul Gaffar Khan and other men on the spot at the plenary session of the Congress. For more reasons than one it is necessary for the people of India to know their Frontier well.

Suppression Of Civil Liberties

The suppression of civil liberties is an old familiar question that threatens to be permanent till those responsible for this policy are made accountable to the people whom they are supposed to serve. The list the Working Committee has made of the different varieties of suppression is a long and formidable one, a list of the victims must be almost endless and daily lengthening. It goes without saying that the Congress will and must struggle against these constant man-made tragedies—so unlike the natural calamities which are occasional. But the Congress resolution does well to point out that to make the struggle fully effctive "political freedom is essential" and that "the nation's energies must, therefore, be directed to the attainment of independence." It is, however, necessary for the Congress at the same time to consider seriously the question of relief to those victims of repression who are in acute distress.

Village Industries

The Village Industries Exhibition at Faizpur, opened by Mahatma Gandhi on Friday is not likely to bring any profit to its organisers but because of its undeniable educative value it is worth all the expenditure incurred on it and more. The value of promoting cottage industries is now acknowledged even by Government, obviously because of the lead given in the matter by Gandhiji. But it needs to be far more widely recognised by the public than it is at present, and for this purpose periodical exhibitions in various places are absolutely necessary. Village industries cannot thrive and bring a fair return to the craftsmen unless they have a wide and certain market and such a market is not possible unless the products of village industries are properly advertised and brought to the notice of the public at exhibitions and otherwise. It is, therefore, desirable to have a number of provincial exhibitions of village industries on suitable occasions.

The enthusiasm which Gandhiji displayed in his opening speech for the cause to which he has now exclusively devoted himself shows that he entertains hopes of great success for the cause. Indeed, there are mighty possibilities for the movement if only those who talk so much of rural organisation and rural uplift appreciate the need for increasing the income of the poor villages by developing their cottage industries. The All-India Village Industries' Association has done excellent work during the two years of its existence and it deserves to be better known to the public than it is.

Bombay Govt. Apprentice Scheme

The scheme adumbrated by the Government of Bombay for the training of suitable youths, who after the completion of their period of apprenticeship will be absorbed in various industries, will meet with general approval. It is a well-thought out plan to provide both practical and theoretical training, and the young men who will be selected have an assured future before them. A number of industrial concerns in Bombay and Ahmedabad have promised to admit about 425 students annually in their establishments, and they certainly deserve the thanks of the public for this experiment. It cannot be gainsaid that without their co-operation Government would not have been able to give effect to their present scheme. One must not, however, hail the experiment as solving the unemployment problem. It only makes a beginning in that direction, which though belated, is welcome. Another point calls for some comment. Government have provided a sum of Rs. 50,000 for the scheme, out of which nearly one-third will be taken by the appointment of a special Deputy Director who will get a salary of Rs. 1 250 per month besides conveyance allowance, extra staff, etc. We feel that this is an unconcionable proportion to spend on the management of what is essentially a social service scheme. The scandal of top-heavy administration ought not to have been repeated at least here. The only consolation is, that the appointment will be subject to the vote of the new Legislative Assembly at the end of August next, which, we have no doubt, will suitably scale down the undue overhead expenses, and thus make more public money available for the relief of unemployment.

LAHORE STUDENTS' CONFERENCE

A Retrospect

(BY SHATNIL KUMAR N. MASTER.)

The torch lighted by Jawaharlal at Lucknow was carried forward on the progressive path by Sarat Chandra Bose at Lahore when he presided over the conference of the students held at Lahore. Lahore conference was very representative as it came after three months' spade work. The Committees that had prepared the Constitution and the Charter put their drafts before the conference which, after due amendments and alterations but with slight differences as to principles involved, were passed.

The Resolutions

This conference was a greater successs as could be judged by the resolutions that have been passed. We have now gone ahead and tried to take a due share in the life of our country as of right conferred upon by the enfranchisement of our community. While stating this I may mention that I need not be misunderstood to mean that ours is only another political platform. For, it is the clear policy of our Federation to keep primarily and fundamentally to students' interests and, of course, look round about us and take stock of things that fall within our orbit. The issue of acceptance of offices under the new Constitution attracted our attention and though there was a responsible section against saying anything on the issue as all the parties in the country had shelved it, it was decided that it would be most detrimental to the best interests of our country if we accepted offices. Then the recent communal riots in Bombay and the attempt of some leaders at tainting the student community with the bias of communalism which ultimately failed in raising a Muslim students Federation because of the proverbial casteless student community. There the N.W.F.P. Government's circular against Hindi and Gurumukhi was strongly condemned as the circular smelt of anti-nationalism. Our students felt the loss caused by the death of Munshi Premchandji, one of the stalwarts among the progressive writers.

The ever-increasing problem of detaining persons without trial roused great anxiety among the delegates and two resolutions, one condemning the action of the Government for detaining Jagjit Sarcar, a member of our Executive Committee, without trial and the other, a general one, condemning the policy of the Bengal and the Punjab Governments in regard to such detention were passed. This problem loomed large before the conference as it can be estimated without the slightest exaggeration that about 80 per cent of the persons detained are youths who were students—the cream of Bengal and the Punjab. And what was more, Lahore was seething with the news of fresh arrests.

United Front.

The Students' Conference took one further step in declaring itself for United Front in all the activities of this country. The students themselves having been united under one organization, it would be conducive to the best interests if in all political, social and economic struggles of this country they strived for united front with all parties.

Having in view to link ourselves up with all the student activities all over the world and taking interest in them as being our own concern, we sent a message of sympathy and congratulations to the brave students of Spain who are trying their utmost in the struggle in which their country is engaged.

Volunteer Corps.

Having come so far, we, as an All-India Organisation have tried to put up constructive programme before the students and we are sure to receive a warm support. Now we are out of the infirm nascent stage and we can get some adherents to carry out our programmes. The first thing towards that end was the starting of an all-India Volunteer Corps. This at the outset seems quite simple but our Corps' activities are on a different basis. We intend that it shall not only fix its attentions on military drills, and exercises, but shall take an active part in first aid organization of functions. The most important work that we visualise is this—that we shall conduct tours during vacations to various places either in our province or in other provinces. Thus a sort of a closer contact would be developed. We want to organize hiking parties also. This we intend doing with a view to cater for various other interests of students be-

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Our Moscow Letter

Nazi-Japanese Pact

"A Conspiracy Against Peace"

By ABDUL AZIZ AZAD

MOSCOW, Nov. 23.

Some years ago Herr Hitler was asked by a humorous journalist whether the Japanese belonged to the "Aryan race". "Yes," replied the Fuhrer, "the Japanese are the Aryans of the Far East." And whether Aryan or not, Germany and Japan have now united for the purpose of "conquering other peoples' lands." The German are dreaming of conquering the land belonging to the Soviet Union, while the Japanese have as their object the conquering of the whole of China and Mongolia and the maritime territories of Communist Russia. Thus the principle of conquest unites Germany with Japan.

A Secret Treaty

As soon as the rumours of the concludance of a military alliance reached this country the Soviet foreign affairs authorities in Moscow and the Soviet Ambassador in Tokyo asked the Japanese ministers for an explanation. Both in Japan and in Moscow the Japanese tried to minimize the effect created by the news by saying that the agreement concluded was in no way directed against any third State, and that it was only an agreement wherein Germany and Japan agreed to combat "Communism" unitedly. It was thus that the matter became clear. "The Soviet Ambassador in Tokyo, Mr. Yurenev, inviting further explaination of Mr. Arita, the Japanese Foreign Minister, declared: "The Soviet Government does not believe that both Germany and Japan are helpless in combatting the Communist movement on their territories and that, therefore, Japan needs the German police and Germany that of Japan to combat the Communist movement in Germany and Japan respectively. The Soviet Government on the contrary is absolutely convinced that the term 'Communism' used in the Japano-German agreement is a screen which is meant to hide another secret treaty: the Japano-German military alliance directed against the U.S.S.R."

The Soviet Ambassador emphasized the fact that such a military alliance between the two nations would seriously affect Soviet-Japanese relations and will have grave consequences. The Japanese Foreign Minister refrained from giving any reply to the above statement of the Soviet Ambassador.

"Conspiracy Against Peace"

The Soviet press comments at length on the new sinister deal between Japan and Germany. Under the caption: "The German-Japanese Conspiracy Against Peace," "Isvestiya", the official organ of the Soviet Government, writes: "The German-Japanese secret military alliance, disguised as a 'struggle against Communism,' is undoubtedly one of the most sinister elements in the present international situation.

"Anti-Bolshevik banners and slogans have been in great demand in recent years. It was under these slogans that Japanese imperialism seized Manchuria and a large part of China. Under these same anti-Bolsheviks slogans, German fascism has torn up, one after another, a number of international treaties, and converted its country into a gigantic arsenal. Under these slogans German fascism has organized and armed the Spanish insurgents and is waging a ruthless war against the Spanish people."

Menace To Britain

Continuing the paper says: "When under these same slogans the aggressors in Asia and Europe unite into a common 'bloc', the whole world realizes that this is a military alliance concluded with a view to realizing the grabbing imperialist policy of Germany and Japan, aimed against other States, including the U.S.S.R."

Who these other threatened States are, the paper goes on to mention: "One does not have to be a profound student of politics to realize that the German-Japanese alliance as conceived by its authors will at the same time aggravate the Japanese menace to the British Empire and the United States and the German menace to all of Europe, which refuses to become Hitler's slave. This alliance represents, apart from everything else, a special weapon in the hands of Hitler for the purpose of intimidating Britain and France."

The article points out the hypocritical actions of Japan in her relations with the U.S.S.R. and the rest of the world. "Japan's peaceful protestations," says "Isvestiya," deserve as much trust as the German protestations of concern for universal peace."

The paper concludes with the statement: "The mobilization of the forces of war, such as the German-Japanese aggressive bloc represents, requires more than ever the organization of defense against the aggressors, on the part of the peace-loving countries, the organization of collective security and of effective defense of peace. This will continue to be the concern of Soviet diplomacy, based on the consciousness of the invincible might of its country, which is ready and able to victoriously repulse any attack under all conditions."

Recognition Of Franco "Government"

The recent decision of Italy and Germany to recognize the "Government" of the Spanish insurgent General Franco brings forth sharp comment in the Soviet press. In an article analysing the reasons leading up to this decision, a leading Soviet correspondent writes in "Pravda," the organ of the Communist Party of the Soviet Union, as follows: "The recognition of the Franco "Government" by fascist Italy and Hitlerite Germany is not the first and by no means the last act of aggression by these fascist States.

"The intervention by the Fascist States in Spain began even before the outbreak of the insurrection, since these States were the inspirers and organizers of the insurrection. Had the reactionary Spanish generals been unable to count on the military assistance and the political suport of Germany, Italy and Portugal they would never have dared rise up against the lawful Spanish Government."

The writer goes on to say: "During negotiations between Count Ciano, the Italian Foreign Minister, and Hitler, an agreement was reached between Italy and Germany to recognize the "Government" of General Franco, as soon as the insurgents succeeded in capturing Madrid. The fact that Italy and Germany recognize Franco now, although the latter has failed to break the determined resistance which has been put up by the republicans, shows only that they are not sure of General Franco's forces. Besides, Germany and Italy have doubtless come to the conclusion that the military assistance which they have been granting the insurgents is inadequate to ensure the success of the insurrection."

Fascists Will Be Disappointed

But the fascists will be disillusioned bitterly, the writer says. "The heroic people of Spain will prove capable of dealing a crushing blow to General Franco's bands and of restoring lawful authority on the whole territory of the Spanish republic."

"The recognition of the Franco "Government" has doubtless also the object of giving the insurgents

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FRANKLY SPEAKING

DEPLORABLE

In a broadcast message from his sickbed, his Holiness the Pope deplored "the many great evils which have fallen like a scourge on humanity, civil society and the Church." His Holiness would be quite correct if by evils he had meant the activities of the so-called leaders and representatives of Christian civilisation. But he was thinking of Communism and the forces that are fighting reaction and Fascism in Spain. This is not surprising. None-theless it is extremely unfortunate. His Holiness completely ignores the un-Christian and feudal activities of the Church to which the poor people of Spain have long been innocent victims. He ignores that Hitler's Nazism is both in theory and in practice, a complete denial of Christianity, of the things which Christ gave his life for. And he very completely ignores that every thing that Signor Mussolini has been doing during the last so many years has been done in utter violation of Christian principles. He forgets that Nazism and Fascism in their cruelties and apotheosis of militarism are a challenge to Christianity. He does not face that challenge and does not deplore these two evils as the scourge of humanity. How deplorable!

upon its excellence.

SPANISH CRSIS EXTENDING?

The efforts of the Non-Intervention Committee to secure effective supervision of the Agreement have practically proved a failure. Every one is disappointed with the replies from the principal Governments concerned. But it is rather noteworthy that the British Press, led by the sanctimonious "Times," condemns both parties equally although it is the Fascist Powers that have all but openly rejected the proposals of the Committee. This "impartiality" is, of course, due to the fact that British sympathies are directed towards the rebels and British courage cannot stand up to Italy and Germany. The "Times" fears that the conflict might be extended. This is not unlikely—Europe, for ought we know, is on the brink of war. But why, one asks, was the Spanish Government tied hand and foot in defiance of all international usages on the hypocritical pretext of localising the conflict?

"SAKLATVALA UNIT"

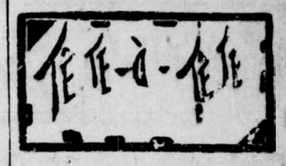
While the British Government has been doing what it can to hamper, from the very beginning, the resistance of the Spanish Government to the rebels and deny it legitimate international rights, we are glad that a number of Britishers have gone over to fight for Democracy and Socialism as volunteers. And we are particularly glad that the British Unit of the International Brigade has been dedicated to the late Mr. Saklatwala. It will henceforth be known as Saklatvala's unit of the International Brigade. This is a tribute to the memory of the Indian patriot which is as well deserved as it is handsome. For, Saklatvala was a Socialist, a friend of the oppressed and a man possessing genuine international sympathies.

LL. G'S TRIBUTE TO EX-KING

Mr. Lloyd George has sent a Christmas message to the Duke of Windsor in his characteristically vigorous and expressive language. It is perfectly true that the ex-King was accorded "shabby and stupid treatment" and the attacks that were made upon him were mean and unchivalrous. And it is quite likely that the ex-King will appreciate Mr. Lloyd George's assurances of "high esteem" and "still deeper loyal affection" especially as they come from an old and experienced Minister. But it is curious that Mr. Lloyd George took such a long time in pronouncing his authoritative opinion on the controversy between Edward VIII and the Old Guard. And is his indignant championship of the ex-King really due to detestation of hypocrisy and so-called respectability or to mere prejudice against the present Tory, Liberal and Labour leaders? Mr. Lloyd George is an erratic genius and his opinions are seldom based on principles. Only recently this great Liberal and Radical returned from Germany talking gushing nonsense in praise of Hitler.

"FAIZPUR CONGRESS GUIDE"

We are glad to note that the Reception Committee of the Faizpur Congress has brought out an English edition of the "Faizpur Congress Guide." This brochure generally follows the Marathi edition (which we have already reviewed in this column), and gives all the necessary information to the visitor to Faizpur. Of more than passing interest are the chapters devoted to the history of Maharashtra and its people, and to the contribution made by this province to the national movement. The Mahrathas have been known as sturdy fighters from times immemorial, and they have kept their traits and traditions to the present day. It is, indeed, befitting, one feels after a perusal of this hand-book, that the honour of holding the first village session of the Congress should go to Maharashtra. We congratulate the compilers of the "Guide" (which is available for the modest price of four annas)



To the chagrin of Anglo-India, M. N. Roy is becoming mysteriouser and mysteriouser because he doesn't make a mystery of his views.

We sympathise with our confrere

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The Congress, says a Working Committee resolution, feels that "the right way to deal with the Frontier situation is an inquiry into the economic, political and military situation with a view to settling finally and peacefully the Frontier problem."

That may be, and is, true. But it is scarcely relevant.

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"If" says the same resolution, "such a policy (of peace and uninterfering good neighbourliness) is pursued" towards the trans-border tribes, etc., etc.

These "ifs" try our patience. If Mussolini did this, if Hitler did that .... why if everybody did what he ought to do and did not do what he ought not to do where will civilisation and progress be?

"If"! .... Pshaw.

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"But British Indian extremist leaders", accuses Bori Bunder, "want nothing to do with Indian India. ...."

Sorry, but this Christmas Day Anglo-Indian truth must be contradicted. Indian "extremist" leaders want, in fact, everything to do with Indian India. Everything..

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On Sunday His Grace the Archbishop of Canterbury will, in a broadcast "call the nations of the Empire to rededicate themselves to the service of Christianity."

The non-Christian nations too? But we forget. They are not nations but serviceable factors which make Britain a British Empire.

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By the way, how does one dedicate oneself to service both of Christianity and an Empire which—well, was it not the London "Times" which said something about an empire and breach of the ten commandments being effect and cause?

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Some sort of an amicable settlement is about to be arrived at between the Chinese "rebels" and Nationalist Government, suggests a report.

If this does happen, we will postpone welcoming it until Tokyo has addressed a stiff note to Nanking and thus confirmed it.

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In a Christmas message to the Duke of Windsor, Mr. Lloyd George, who had disappeared from the limelight after his return from Germany, deplores "the shabby and stupid treatment" and "resents the mean and unchivalrous attacks" which the ex-King had to experience and regrets "the loss sustained by the British Empire of a Monarch who sympathised with the lowliest of his subjects."

This completes the pro-Windsor trio of Churchill, Mosley and Lloyd George. And it evokes still deeper sympathy for Edward VIII.

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The Spanish insurgents claim to have captured a flag of "The Communist International Brigade."

This is rather an imperfectly clever anticipation of Mr. Anthony Eden's serious view of the German "volunteers."

But there is still time to make good the omission. They ought immediately to discover along with the flag a special army order signed by Stalin, Molotov and Voroshilov.

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Talking of the Spanish insurgents and Germany brings us to His Holiness the Pope's denunciation of evils that have fallen as a scourge on mankind—Communism and the Spanish Popular Front.

And we leave him at that, confident, of course, that Signor Mussolini will send, from the forest of 8 million boyonets—escorted by the crusading tanks and aeroplanes, etc., from Abyssinia—his Christian duty and devotion to the Holy Father.

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She (gushingly to author): "I enjoyed your first book, "Love's Perfect Dream."'

Author (who had married since writing it): 'Indeed, but don't miss my last one, "The Awakening."'

QUADRANGULAR FINALS

Hindus To Meet Europeans To-day

The Final Match of the Quadrangular Tournament between the Hindus and Europeans will commence to-day (Saturday).

L. P. Jai (Captain)

T. C. Longfield.

Hindu XI

L. P. JAI (CAPTAIN)
S. R. GODAMBE (VICE-CAPTAIN)
D. D. HINDLEKAR
V. M. MERCHANT
L. AMARSINGH
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J. NAOMAL
S. N. BANERJEE
M. BHAGWANDAS
VINOO MANKAD
K. N. DIVEKAR
R. J. GHARAT (TWELFTH MAN).

European XI

T. C. LONGFIELD (CAPTAIN)
R. C. SUMMERHAYES
H. L. MURRAY
E. BROMLEY
B. R. T. GREER A
A. G. SKINNER
P. I. VAN DER GUCHT
W. H. BRADSHAW
R. G. HOPKINS
H. LARWOOD
J. SCAIFE

RESERVES

K. H. S. WILSON
J. O. BARTLEY.

GOOD NEWS FOR ROYAL FAMILY

Duchess Of Kent Gives Birth To Daughter On X'Mas Day

(SPECIAL CABLE).

LONDON: Dec. 25.

Christmas Day in London was favoured by ideal weather—sunny over head and dry under foot. The air was clear and pleasantly keen.

There was great exodus of people last night and this morning for the seaside and the country hotel accommodation at the favourite centres was booked up. On the other hand, thousands of folk poured into the Metropolis to join friends or to participate in hotel festivities.

GOOD NEWS FOR ROYAL FAMILY.

The most interesting home news of the day was the birth of a daughter to the Duke and Duchess of Kent at their London residence shortly before noon. The event was telephoned to their Majesties the King and the Queen, Queen Mary and the Royal Family at Parth and at Sandringham.

GERMAN SHIP AGROUND.

Four hundred and seventy passengers on board the German East African liner "Fretoria" 'en route' to Cape Town, spent the Christmas Day on the mudbank at the entrance of Southampton Waters. The vessel which is one of 16,000 tons, is on its maiden voyage from Hamburg. It called at Southampton at 6 o'clock last night. An hour later it grounded. Attempts to refloat the liner have hitherto been unsuccessful.

Christmas Eve Fire In London

(SPECIAL CABLE).

LONDON: Dec. 25.

A big Christmas Eve Fire which raged all night destroyed the premises of Messrs. Raphael and Tucks, well-known Christmas card manufacturers in the City.

OUR READERS' VIEWS

"Another Massacre Of The Innocents"

To The Editor of "The Chronicle".

Sir,—Inspite of the great hue and cry raised by the Bombay Students in last June, the Bombay University authorities have carried out another and a greater "massacre of the innocents" at the supplementary Matriculation Examination. Is this not a direct challenge to the students of Bombay and especially to the coming Students' Conference? It was surprising that the last City Students' Conference was reluctant to pass any substantial resolution in connection with the Matric results. Is the ensuing Conference going to adopt the same attitude of indifference? If the Conference claims to represent students and stands for their demands and grievances, I cannot understand why it should be silent on such a vital problem which touches thousands of them. Will the promoters of the Bombay Presidency Students' conference pay attention to this touching problem of the day?—Yours, etc.

"WELL WISHER."

Ex-King Edward

To The Editor of "The Chronicle"

Sir,—The disbanding of the stables, the emptying out of the parks, the carrying of help to the needy at his door, and other steps of King Edward VIII to live the simple and useful life of a king had ruffled the dovecots of lords and lordlings not to a small extent. Even before he came to the throne it was anticipated by one and all that there would be frequent clashes between him and his ministers. The few months that followed the accession have more than fulfilled these apprehentions. It is only Indian India who had taken a dispassionate view of the whole unfortunate situation and it is her considered opinion that King Edward has been scared out of his throne for reasons more serious than the Simpson incident. By his courageous self-sacrifice King Edward has endeared himself to the populace more than any other kingly act of his would have done. But England has not seen the last of him by his abdication. Only the last act is required to complete the drama.—Yours etc.

"B."

Annual Electric Inspection Fees

To The Editor of "The Chronicle."

Sir—I find in several local dailies a revival of 'The surcharge on electricity which I thrashed out three years in succession during Council meetings.

I point out that Annual Inspection Fees collected by the P.W.D. for inspection of installations by their Electrical subinspections is illegal by the Indian Electricity Act and the Rules thereunder.

Those who are interested may read for themselves and see that my opinion is unchallengeable. It is therefore much to be regretted that the electrical using public should be so taxed and put to other inconveniences simply to keep people employed ever since their retrnnhment was a foregone conclusion at the time of the Retrenchment Committee's sittings.—Yours, etc.,

L. H. SANDWELL.

Leftists Measure Strength At Faizpur

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C.C. and calls upon all candidates, standing on its behalf, to carry on their election campaign strictly on its basis, and, after election, to conduct their work in the legislatures in accordance with it. Congress members of Legislatures should take the earliest opportunity to put forward in the new Assemblies the demand for a Constituent Assembly, elected by adult suffrage, and this demand should be supported by mass agitation outside to enforce the right of Indian people to self-determination.

A.I.C.C. TO DECIDE.

The question of acceptance or non-acceptance of office by Congress members elected to the Legislatures under the new Constitution will be decided by the All-India Congress Committee as soon after Provincial Assembly elections as is practicable. Immediately after the elections various Provincial Congress Committees will take steps to consult their District and other local Committees and send their own recommendations on the subject, so that the A.I.C.C. may be assisted in deciding this issue by the opnion of the mass of Congressmen and the country."

THEY MIGHT WALK HOME.

Moving the resolution on Election and Constituent Assembly, Babu Rajendra Prasad said that even when the Constitution was being drafted by the Round Table Conference, the Congress had declared its determination not to accept it. Thereafter they had reiterated that decision. They had now decided to enter legislatures, but if they could not do their work as they wished and desired, they might walk home.

Babu Rajendra Prasad warmed up to the subject and emphatically declared: "We want a Constitution, which we ourselves have framed. The new Constitution has been framed with a view to safeguarding and protecting the interests of England and has been thrust upon us. The Congress by its resolution has declared that this Constitution is not acceptable to the people of India and a Constitution acceptable to the people should be framed by the people of India themselves. Congressmen who would enter the Legislatures would raise this question in the Legislatures. They would press for the calling of a Constituent Assembly.

TO KEEP OUT UNDESIRABLES.

"As far as the question of offices is concerned it might not be necessary for us to decide the question at all, not because we are doubtful of securing a majority in the forthcoming election. We are quite confident of securing a majority in the elections. We are, however, not confident that anything substantial in the direction of Swaraj can be achieved in Councils. Our main object in entering the Councils is to keep out undesirable persons from these Councils as they are bound to use them to the detriment of the interests of the country."

Continuing Babu Rajendra Prasad said:—"Our intention in entering the Legislatures is not to work the new Constitution but to take full advantage of all that which will help us to progress towards the achievement of Swaraj and prevent anything that might obstruct its attainment."

NO LIGHT TASK.

Dealing with the Agrarian question Babu Rajendra Prasad said that they had not received reports from all the Provincial Congress Committees, who had been asked to make recommendations, but such reports as had been received revealed such enormous differences between Province and Province. The work of enquiring into the Agrarian Problem was no light task. In Behar alone about 3,000 people had been examined. He assured the House that Congress would not be content until this problem of Agrarian suffering had been properly dealt with.

Pt. Govind Vallab Pant seconding said that the resolution was their desire for full Swaraj. Regarding the coming elections he said that the Congress Manifesto contained the decision that the question of office acceptance should be postponed until after the elections. Congress had been carrying on election work in the country on the basis of the understanding that office acceptance should not be now decided. They could not go back on it within a month and half of adopting the Manifesto. He was sure any decision one way or the other different from the one contained in the Manifesto would weaken their cause.

PLEA FOR INCLUSION OF STATES.

Mr. N. V. Gadgil, M. L. A., moved an amendment suggesting the addition in the second para.

The resolution of words "including the Indian States" after the words "genuine democratic States in India".

WHO TO CALL IT.

Mr. Dange moved the following amendment:—

"Such a State can only come into existence through an uncompromising, anti-imperialist struggle and the seizure of power by the masses and the democratic form of this State will be determined by a Constituent Assembly, elected by adult suffrage, having power to decide finally the Constitution of the country."

Mr. Dange declared that when they approached the masses and said that they would enter Legislatures and ask for a Constituent Assembly the masses would question as to who would call it. No definite answer could be given. They should destroy the idea that a democratic constitution could be framed by peaceful legislators in peaceful legislatures. They should place their programme before the masses in the right order. Capture of power should come before the calling of a Constituent Assembly.

OFFICE QUESTION.

Sardar Sardul Singh (not Kavesher) moved an amendment urging that under no conditions shall Congress legislators accept ministerships.

Sardar Sardul Singh suspected that those who pressed for immediate decision on the office issue had an eye on ministership. He did not agree with the view that a change in the Congress Election Manifesto would be wrong. If they wanted to break the constitution it was not necessary to accept ministerships.

Mr. Dutt Muzumdar supported the amendment and declared the issue before the country was not acceptance or non-acceptance of office. The real issue was preparation of the masses for Independence. He doubted whether this test had been applied in selecting the candidates.

Mr. Jagannath supporting the amendment he pointed out that their main fight was at present on the anti-imperialist front. The fight on the Legislative Front was only an auxiliary fight.

Mr. Rajakumar Chakravarti, pleaderd for patience and said the Election Manifesto clearly stated that the object was to end the Constitution and that was sufficient for the present. They could rely upon the Working Committee to take a right step at the right time.

LEAVE IT TO MASSES.

Mr. Jaiprakash Narain supporting Mr. Dange's amendment said that if the form of the Constitution was to be decided it would be decided by the masses. Friends were present there (pointing to Mr. Satyamurti) who thought that a Constituent Assembly should have a place in it for legislators also. What an idea that was? They should remember that no Constituent Assembly could be called until they captured political power.

Dr. Kulkarni supported Sardar Sardul Singh's amendment.

At this stage the House adjourned for tea.

WHY CREATE OBSTACLES.

Babu Mathra Prasad (Patna), opposing the amendment asked what the country or the Congress was going to lose by postponing the decision of Office-acceptance? Fifteen wise men of the Working Committee had decided on such postponement. Why not accept it? They talked of revolution, but were they ready for it? Some principal workers of the Congress like Pt. Jawaharlal Nehru, Babu Rajendra Prasad etc. were not going to enter the Councils, but would carry on work outside the Councils. "So let us not throw obstacles in the way of those who want to go into the Councils."

Mr. Ramachitra Singh opposed the amendment and supported the original resolution. He caused considerable heat by declaring that those who talked of creating "revolutionary mentality" were garlanding Collectors. (Angry protests from different parts of the House greeted his remark).

The President intervening restored good humour by asking them not to get excited.

In conclusion Mr. Ramachitra Singh said, he was in favour of Congress Ministry.

DECIDE IT NOW.

Mrs. Kamladevi (Karnatak) supporting Sardar Sardul Singh's amendment said, they had sounded the warning at Bombay that, if they did not decide the issues an unfortunate situation would be created. There was plenty of scope for opportunism when the dividing line was not clear. Talk of capture of power had created a co-operative mind, which was evident. This was the time when they should clearly lay down the future line of action. "If we are clear that there is going to be no co-operation, why this hesitation to declare our decision?" Clarity of action was absolutely necessary and a decision is quite essential. If they knew they were going to be real fighters, if they knew they had nothing to expect from the Constitution, then what did it matter when they said so? There was no doubting that there was lurking the idea that such hesitation would alienate the sympathies of those whose help was necessary to get into the councils. They were engaged in an open fight and there was no expediency or inexpediency in laying their cards on the table. She appealed to the House that this Session should give a clear decision now in order to avoid a misfortune in the future. (Cheers).

Mr. Mahamaya Prasad Sinha said it was not in the country's interest to change the very beautiful resolution placed before them by Babu Rajendra Prasad. He pleaded for full confidence in the members of the Working Committee. Prof. Ranga congratulated the members from South for holding their souls in patience on the question which originated in their fertile brain. (President: Let us not convert this Subjects Committee into Tamil Nadu Congress Committee!)

PROF. RANGA AGAIN

Prof. Ranga continuing said they were bound to win the elections whether the office question was decided now or at a later date. Prof. Ranga next referred to the nominations of candidates by the All-India Parliamentary Board (Pt. Nehru again intervened and asked Prof. Ranga how the reference to Parliamentary Board was pertinent to the issue before the House.)

Sardar Patel: I am preparerd to join issue on the question and justify the action of the Parliamentary Board.

Pt. Nehru: Prof. Ranga has a peculiar knack of saying wrong things. He indulges in making insinuations. It is highly improper, if we are to discharge our duty. If Prof Ranga has no confidence in the Parliamentary Board he is quite welcome to censure the Board and I am prepared to accept his censure motion.

Prof. Ranga: I withdraw my remark so far as the Parliamentary Board is concerned. It is however, a fact that there is a tremendous feeling in the country that the Parliamentary Board has not done well in the selection of candidates.

Prof. Ranga resuming in support of the amendment urged the House to carry Sardar Sardul Singh's amendment.

NEED FOR CREATING DEADLOCKS.

Mr. T. Prakasam supporting Babu Rajendra Prasad's resolution said he regretted much heat had been created over the question of office acceptance. "Let us not make any more mistakes in the struggle. Office acceptance is not a serious matter. But after 16 years of struggle and experience, we must weigh our words and plan our actions. When we have entered legislatures we are asked to take oaths. If we are not going to accept ministership, we cannot succeed in wrecking the Constitution. If we accept ministries it would be a thousand times easier, for we can create deadlocks from inside. You may lay down that ministers should accept no salary, but only rations. You have so many ways of looking at the question. If you want to emphasise that we must concentrate more on villages, peasants and workers, by all means do it, but at the same time let us deal with the Constitution from inside also. The responsibility on the Congress is great. We shall not look at the question from a narrow point of view. "I claim to be a Socialist, though I am not a member of the Socialist Party.

Mr. Prakasam next referred to Russia, when the president intervened and asked him to deal with India as he had only five minutes more.

Mr. Prakasam: I will deal with Russia and the world within five minutes.

PRAKASAM QUOTES MARX.

Proceeding the speaker said that Socialism was established by Carl Marx's followers in Russia, Marx felt offices should be accepted (Loud and prolonged laughter). Acceptance of offices does not mean swallowing money. A minister may have to march into jail. I am no believer of postponement of the question but I have surrendered my personal view in the matter and I accept the official resolution.

At this stage Mr. Dange intervened and said that letters of Marx are on the gates of the pandal. Mr. Prakasam might be reading them.

President suggested to Mr. Dange to make a present of them to Mr. Prakasam.

Mr. Ramprasad Benipari said they had never such indecisiveness as they were seeing now on a matter, which was said to be very small. Such indecisiveness produced two schools of thought one for and other against. That was not good. Amending the Working Committee's decision did not mean a vote of "no confidence".

Capt. Avadesh Prasadsingh supporting Mr. Gadgil's amendment said he detected certain change in Congress attitude towards the States during the past two years. Difference was sought to be made between Indian India and British India. The President himself made no such difference, but when the Working Committee passed resolutions the phrase Indian States happened to be omitted.

Mr. Gouri Shanker Misra disclaimed the desire to plead on behalf of the Working Committee. He was in favour of the resolution but felt the original resolution embodied sufficient social spirit What Mr. Dange described as militant mass action was there in the resolution in other language.

Mr. S. K. Patil supported the original resolution and opposed all amendments, particularly that of Mr. Dange. Regarding Mr. Gadgil's amendment, he declared that India meant Indian as well as British India. It might be desirable for the President to state once for all that India meant Indian and British India. Much time would be saved. As for Mr. Dange's amendment it was redundant in view of the repeated declaration that the struggle was a non-violent one. Discussion on office acceptance was futile. He pleaded that they should have complete confidence in those that were sent to the Council. If they wanted let them pass a resolution there and then not to enter legislatures until their confidence in their own workers had been restored (Applause).

Mr. Viswanath (Behar) supported Sardar Sardulsingh's amendment.

On resumption after tea, Swami Sahajanand supported Mr. Dange's amendment, which he said correctly represented the country's need. Behind the original resolution, the idea of office acceptance seemed to lurk. As regards the argument that any change in the Congress Election manifesto would be inadvisable now, he declared that the Working Committee by bringing up this resolution on the subject again before the present A. I. C. C. wanted to have further consideration of the question. Why not then decide finally against office acceptance. Masses could not understand the policy of wrecking the constitution from within. False hopes would be created in the minds of the masses by Congressmen entering the Legislatures.

SOCIALISTS SUPPORT AMENDMENT

Mr. S. M. Joshi, (Poona Socialist) thought the arguments against immediate decision of office issue not convincing. He was doubtful whether the power to decide this issue would not be snatched away from All-India Congress Committee and appropriated by the National Convention proposed to be called. If Congress Legislators accepted ministerships and if thereafter repressive measures were adopted then masses would certainly be justified in concluding that Congress ministers were responsible for repression.

Mr. Kameswarrao (Andhra Socialist) supporting the amendment said some of the leaders in South India like Messrs. Satyamurthi and C. R. Reddy favoured deriving all possible benefits from the present constitution.

(President interrupting asked the speaker not to bring in personalities.)

The speaker continuing said the idea of these leaders was to accept office. He urged the House to adopt the amendment and defeat this idea of acceptance of offices.

(Message Incomplete.)

Congress President Addresses A. I. C. C.

(Continued from page 1.)

consider the system of accounting in the provinces and the A. I. C. C. office.

Swami Sahajanand enquired whether any resolution on Agrarian Programme was coming up as decided upon at Lucknow.

AGRARIAN PROGRAMME

Pt. Jawaharlal: "I am much obliged to Swami Sahajanand for reminding me about it."

The Agrarian Committee had not finished their work but he nevertheless hoped something would be done in the matter immediately. Both the Committees had not been able to complete their work. Whenever they started work someone or other fell ill. There was no Agrarian Committee as such appointed at Lucknow but the Provinces were asked to make enquiries. Some of them had prepared their replies such as Maharashtra and Gujerat. The United Provinces had produced a voluminous report. The problem was so vast that as workers went into the problem, they found it becoming more and more complicated and wide. It was in the hands of the A. I. C. C. and the Working Committee to decide what to do.

Swami Sahajanand again asked whether the Working Committee would bring forward a resolution on the Agrarian Problem.

Pt. Jawaharlal could not say if the Working Committee would do so, but it was possible something would be done.

RANGA'S MISFORTUNE.

Prof. Ranga asked a question on the lines similar to that of Swami Sahajanand.

Pandit Nehru remarked that it was Prof. Ranga's misfortune that he did not understand Hindustani. Proceeding, the Pandit repeated in English what he had stated in Hindi and said some of the Provinces had sent in a report on the Agrarian Problem while others had not. Bengal had just sent in one

Mr. Satyamurti interjected: One or two reports?

Mrs. Kamaladevi said surely they did not propose to go into details, but to decide upon the broad principles for general application. Pandit Nehru admitted such broad principles could be considered by the Working Committee and the A.I.C.C.

Asked what action was being taken by the Working Committee to see that reports were received in time?

Pandit Nehru said that certain Provincial Committees had failed to submit reports for some reason of their own. The Pandit at once in a spirited tone said that if Prof. Ranga was going to make insinuations, he should bring forward a vote of censure. He gave Prof. Ranga half a minute to move it.

"I could not even write it in half a minute, this is dictatorial.

Pandit Nehru: I want Prof. Ranga to explain what he means by dictatorial

Prof. Ranga said he only meant to state that some Provinces had not made their reports. If the word "Dictatorial" was too strong he was prepared to drop it if the President dropped the word insinuation attributed to him.

There was laughter and the House converted itself into the Subjects Committee.

DISCIPLINARY RULES

Not To Come Up Before Congress

TILAK NAGAR, Dec 25

"United Press" Lobby correspondent understands that the Working Committee is not likely to bring the resolution passed at the Bombay meeting of the Committee pertaining to disciplinary rules, governing subordinate Congress bodies and individual members, before the Subjects Committee and Open Session of the Congress.

It is gathered that, this move is the result of the view held by the majority of the Working Committee members that, the Committee is empowered to devise any rules and regulations, governing discipline and conduct of bodies and individual members and as such it did not necessitate approval by the Subjects Committee and Open Session.

In view of the above reported decision of the Working Committee, the Socialists' attempts to obstruct the passage of the same in the Subjects Committee and Open Session, have been foiled.

It is not definitely known what will be the further move of Socialists, if this resolution is not brought before the Subjects Committee and Open Session.—United Press Congress Special.

HITLER'S CHRISTMAS GREETINGS

BERLIN, Dec. 24.

Special greetings to German warships off the Spanish coast and to Germans in Spain are included in a Christmas broadcast by Herr Hitler's, Deputy Herr Rudolf Hess.—Reuter.

BELGIUM BANS RECRUITING FOR FOREIGN COUNTRIES

BRUSSELS, Dec. 24.

One of the last acts of the Chamber before rising for the Christmas adjournment was to vote for law preventing voluntary recruitment to foreign armies.—

PRECAUTIONS DUE TO GERMAN INTERVENTION DENIED

PARIS, Dec 24.

Authoritative quarters categorically deny the current report to the effect that General Gamelin Chief of the General Staff told M. Daladier, the War Minister that the growth of German intervention in Spain necessitated consideration of precautionary measure in the Pyrenees and Morocco.—Reuter.

Two-Sided Battle Of Indian Peasants

Prof. Ranga's Presidential Address To All-India Kisan Congress

("UNITED PRESS" CONGRESS SPECIAL).

TILAKNAGAR (Faizpur): December 25.

"We are organising ourselves in order to prepare ourselves for the final inauguration of a Socialist State of society. And such a society cannot be ushered in until and unless all those institutions and interests which to-day are exploiting the masses in every possible manner are abolished.

OUR COMMON FORUM.

"It is to centralise and guide our independent but mutually dependent campaigns so as to make them most effective and least wasteful, we need the Indian National Congress. It is our common forum. In it we shall meet each other. Through it we shall inspire one another. In it we shall reflect our common and growing fighting strength."

Thus declared Prof. N. G. Ranga, presiding over the All-India Kisan Congress, held at Faizpur to-day.

Through Independence To Socialism

"But," proceeded Mr. Ranga, "let it be perfectly understood that our immediate objective of the achievement of complete independence of India cannot be achieved by the Indian National Congress alone. All its past 50 years' heroic effort has shown that until and unless our Kisans and workers join hands with it and fight with all their might, real Swaraj becomes unattainable. But without the achievement and advent of complete independence neither kisans nor workers can begin their task of achieving Socialism. Therefore, it is our sacred duty to prepare ourselves for our share of the fight.

"Unlike the working class of other countries which enjoy their own political freedom, we have to be fighting at one and the same time, all through our prolonged battle both British Imperialism in all its manifestations and the Indian Medievalism with all its ramifications. At every stage, our zamindars and capitalists are obstructing our struggle for Swaraj. We have to organise ourselves so intensively, so class-consciously and so determinedly as to be able to carry on our double-sided struggle. We have to keep our organised forces, constantly trimmed up, trained and reinforced.

"In February next, the elections to all the Provincial Legislatures will be held. We have to utilise our resources to touch in this election campaign as many villages and reach as many of our Kisans as possible and spread the message of our Kisan Congress. We shall utilize all the special electioneering opportunities and resources that will be placed at our disposal to awaken our rank and file to the realisation of their duty towards their class.

NO TWO OPINIONS.

"There are no two opinions about our need to support the Congress candidates in this election. The Congresss Election Manifesto falls far short of our Charter of minimum demands, which really is our absolute minimum charter. In everything, concerning the nation, the decision of the National Congress, as represented by its parliamentary wing also will be taken as final. But in regard to our functional mattters, the maximum amount of freedom of speech and action also ought to be given to the Kisan-minded Legislators, consistent with the dignity and final decisions of the National Congress and its Parliamentary parties. This much has been conceded to even by Comrade Jawaharlal.

"Nothing good or great can be expected even from our prospective National Congress Legislators, through their legislative work, until and unless we either strengthen them or force their hands. Our sacrifices alone can be our sanctions and our readiness and capacity to suffer can strengthen them.

METHOD OF STRUGGLE.

"The best and the most effective manner in which we can force the Legislatures and the Ministries to speedily give satisfaction to our demands even by taking one at a time is to fix for ourselves a time table according to which we can prepare ourselves for our fight for their achievement, if and when the Legislators and the Ministers fail to give us satisfaction. We can, for instance, give six months' notice to the Provincial Legislatures and Ministries as soon as they are formed and request them to begin to alter the Land Revenue system or to redeem agricultural indebtedness or to develop certain irrigation facilities of specified famine-ridden areas or to place the Zamindari ryots on the same footing at the Ryotwari ryots in regard to their scale of assessment, right of remission, repairs to tanks, or to constitute village, forest or irrigation, panchayats and so on.

"To strengthen our demands, we have to organise a whirlwind propaganda campaign all over the respective provinces and march the peasants in their thousands either to their own Conferences or to the Revenue offices of the Government. The authorities refuse to recognise our demand and begin to give effect to it and if our friends in the Legislatures fail to force their point on a majority of the members then we have to run another campaign of protest against their inactivity and hostility.

"Once our six months' notice is over, we must try to be as good as our word and inaugurate our real fight to demonstrate the strength of our sanctions.

"We can go on devising such popular campaigns through which we can mobilise the small individual sacrifices ad sufferings of the Kisans as a whole and generate strength to bring the government of the day and oblige it to yield to our demands.

THIS CLASS WAR.

Referring to Class Consciousness, Prof. Ranga said:

"Very few things are good or bad. So is the class consciousness of any one. The rich and the landed are highly class conscious, but it is not conducive to the progress of humanity and so it is bad. The class consciousness of our masses is yet in its early development but when fully developed, it will do a tremendous amount of good to the society at large because it will succeed in putting an end to the present-day exploitation of our society by the religious and social, political and economic vested interests. Of course there need be no urge for the maintenance of class consciousness when there are no longer any classes in a society.

LIBEL ON MASSES.

"Intellectuals like Mr. C. R. Reddi, co-operators like V. Ramadas and administrators like Lord Linlithgow and Sir Henry Craik are aghast at the eagerness and readiness of Socialists and comrades of kisans and workers to welcome the class struggle coming to a head before the final settlement of terms between the contending classes. They are either ignorant of the age-long class domination established or perpetuated with all their conscious and unconscious co-operation or they are one-sided enough to wish for the continuation of the subjection of the masses to their exploitation by the upper classes. The class war is unnoticed as long as the masses allow themselves to be exploited without any effective or visible effort to stop or minimise it. But once the masses refuse to be down-trodden and exploited, class war comes to the surface. But to say that workers and peasants create it is to libel against them.

PEASANT-LABOUR RELATION

"Regarding the relationship between the peasants and workers, the President of the Kisan Congress said:

"It is a trite saying that the future lies with the peasants and workers, struggling and suffering hand in hand, for the achievement of a Socialist State. It is the sacred duty of everyone of our Kisans to fraternise with the workers in the village and in the town and to meet them more than half way in satisfying their demands. Particular care has to be taken by our Kisans to minimise any possible conflicts between Kisans and agricultural workers by making our Kisans to grant timely and humane conditions of employment to workers. To settle any possible disputes that may arise between peasants and agricultural workers, we have to create a joint conciliatory machinery. This can be better done, if we also take a hand in developing the organisation of our companions in our villages who are unfortunately much more depressed than ourselves.

"There is much to be achieved by both workers and peasants by common effort for their mutual benefit."

TRIBUTE TO MAHATMA

Prof. Ranga, proceeding paid a glorious tribute to services of Mahatma Gandhi to the country and the Kisans in particular and said:

"I wish to pay my heartfelt homage in your presence to the glorious services rendered to our Kisans by Mahatma Gandhi the first Kisan statesman of this century. It is true that several of us do not see eye to eye with him over some important Kisan problems. But that ought to be no bar to our comradeship with him. It is Mahatma Gandhi who has, for the first time, turned the attention of the Congress and the national workers to the village and its kisans. Let us take a leaf from his voluminous book of suffering and sacrifice, daring and determination and rush along over fresh and revolutionary paths of service to serve our kisans, whom he has loved for so long."

LESSON FROM SPAIN

Referring to Spanish situation, the President of the Kisan Congress said:

"Our heartfelt sympathy goes out for the heroic peasants and working classes of Spain who are fighting for their constitutionally established Government. I shudder to open my daily newspaper lest it shall publish the news of any fresh defeat to the masses. Such is the plight of the masses even when they have captured the Ministry by popular votes. The Spanish Civil War, therefore, warns us as well as the peasants and workers of the rest of the world against the customary and facile optimism of evolutionary socialists and social-democrats. The great sacrifices of our Spanish comrades serve this timely and necessary lesson at least."

GREETINGS TO JAWAHAR

Concluding Mr. Ranga said:—"I extend hearty congratulations to Comrade Jawaharlal Nehru both on my behalf and on behalf of our Congress on his re-election to the presidentship of the Indian National Congress.

"I wish, however, to impress upon his attention the extreme need for him to go much further than he has done so far to help us. We want from the Indian National Congress proper and adequate recognition of our Kisan movement by providing for our full share of representation on all its Committees and Executives. We also want him to radicalise its constitution and ideals and to broaden its Election Manifesto. Surely it is in his power, as the President of the premier national organisation, to undertake an all India Kisan tour and help us to develop our organisations, collect funds and broadcast literature."

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SHIAS MUST ORGANISE

Community Must Not Lag Behind In Elections, Says Muhmudabad

(From Our Correspondent)

LUCKNOW, Dec. 25.

The 27th session of the All-India Shia Conference commenced this morning in Imambara Asifuddoula, under the presidentship of Raja of Mahmudabad. The Conference is being attended by delegates from various parts of the country and the Conference Pandal is overfull.

NEED OF ORGANIZATION

"In these days of democracy it is absolutely impossible for the community to exist without organising itself and by refusing to bow down to individual influences. We must chalk out such a programme that without coming into conflict with sister communities, we must reach our destination or at least we must not lag so much behind that our entry in the election arena be rendered impossible", said the Raja Sahib in the course of his presidential address.

The Raja Sahib urged the necessity of having a volunteer organisation with military training on the lines of the Seva Samiti.

Concluding he appealed for improvement of finances.

After passing a number of condolence resolutions the Conference discussed the controversial issue of the appointment of the Advisory Board to meet the Ulemas to discuss the conditions whereon they can co-operate with the Conference and put in their suggestions before the Executive Committee at the earliest

A. I. Muslim Students' Conference Postponed

(From Our Correspondent)

LUCKNOW. Dec. 25.

The first session of the All-India Muslim Students' Conference announced to be held on December 28 has been postponed due to certain unforeseen difficulties. The date will be fixed when necessary arrangements are complete.

"CONGRESS OBJECT MUST BE SPECIFIED"

TILAK NAGAR, Dec. 25.

"United Press" Lobby correspondent understands that some Socialist members of the A. I. C. C. want to move an amendment to the Congress Constitution to specify that, the object of the Congress is complete independence and sovereign status implying thereby outside British Empire as British Dominions have no sovereign status.—United Press Congress Special.

Among the prominent arrivals by Mail Boat "Rawalpindi" was Mr. C. P. Mathan, Managing Director of the Quilon Bank who, it will be remembered, had sailed a few months ago to England, specially to study the working of "Fixed Trusts" on the spot.

WALKOVER FOR Pt. PANT

Opponent Withdraws Sequel To Deputation Of Citizens

(From Our Correspondent)

LUCKNOW, Dec. 25.

Private advices from Bareilly indicate that consequent upon a deputation of Congressmen citizens Mr. Jagdish Parasad has withdrawn his candidature to the Provincial Assembly from Bareilly, Pilibhit, Shahjahanpur, Burdun urban constituency in favour of Pt. Govind Ballabh Pant. It is expected Panditji will be returned unopposed, since Mr. Bhagwati Sahai, another contestant, is reported to have withdrawn.

Information received from the Provincial Congress Committee's office states that Jagannath Prasad whose nomination papers were rejected by the Returning Officer for Sitapur District East General Rural Constituency, on technical grounds has filed an election petition. The other candidate in the field is Raja Mahashwar Dayal Seth.

REORIENTATION OF EXHIBITION METHODS

Faizpur's Objective Is Education Of Citizens

TILAK NAGAR, Dec 25

The following are excerpts from the speech of Sjt. Vaikunthlal Mehta, Secretary of the Exhibition Committee, who invited Mahatmaji to declare the Exhibition open to-day:—

In economic life, exhibitions are intended to serve a two-fold purpose. The first is to provide a stimulus to trade and to assist in the sidening of markets for the products that are exhibited. The publicity value that is inherent in these trade displays was available hitherto for the larger organised manufacturer who could afford to spend for this purpose, and the benefit of the voluntary services of national organisation and workers was not at the disposal of the petty artisan and the small handicraftsman. The re-orientation of the Congress policy that occurred in 1934 makes it possible for these to derive the benefit hitherto denied to them and thus to have some fair field for marketing their products.

PURPOSE OF EXHIBITION

The second purpose of exhibition is to afford an opportunity for mass education, the education of the public in the use of socially wholesome products, and also education in the raw materials the implements and the processes of production. When exhibitions take the shape of bazaars or fairs, the aspect recedes in the background, as was the case with a majority of the trade displays with which we are familiar in our own country. Under the new arrangements, the emphasis is more on education than on display. Our exhibitions have, hence, lost some of their attractiveness for the mere sightseer, who is easily captivated by colour, blazing lights, and other forms of publicity, with all the glamour and noise usually associated with exhibitions. What the exhibitions of the new type may lose as shows or bazars, they gain properly organised, as educative forces. It is for this reason, that in the Khadi sections of all Congress exhibitions, there was a department where all the processes involved in the manufacture of cloth were demonstrated, the raw materials and implements displayed, and opportunity afforded to study the growth of the industry.

INFORMATIVE INSTITUTION

The same conception underlies this Exhibition, and on both the Khadi and Village Industries Sections, visitors can see the raw materials, the tools and the processes of production which yield us the valuable products that we use in our daily life. Experts can detect defects and suggest improvements in the tools or in the methods of production. For the edification of the layman, there are charts, diagrams, posters displayed at appropriate places giving information about the industries demonstrated, explaining their comparative advantages over maching-made products and appealing to the public to patronise these products for the attainment of greater prosperity for the countryside. In addition, an attempt will be made to supplement, by word of mouth, the information available in the pictorial literature that will be displayed.

The bulk of the visitors to the Exhibition will be drawn from villages round about Faizpur and they will go away with very hazy notions if there are no facilities provided for their gaining knowledge and instruction. It is from this point of view, also, that we have arranged for a special propaganda court.

EDUCATION OF CITIZENS

The education of the citizen is the basis of all social progress, and for this reason, special facilities have been provided for propagandist bodies whose efforts will, we may hope, transform social life in rural India in the not too distant future. The spread of literacy, the eradication of untouchability, the introduction of the national language, the promotion of Swadeshi, the maintenance of proper sanitary environments, the diffusion of knowledge about health, all these figure in the Exhibition as an integral part of the programme of rural re-organisation. Sanitation and health go hand in hand, but no less important is the problem of nutrition to which the A. I. V. I. A. has devoted considerable attention. Charts, diagrams and posters will give to the public an idea of the scientific basis of its nutritional programme.

One branch of agriculture, the preservation of the cattle wealth of India, does, however, find room in it. In this department, an attempt is made to show the deep debt we owe to our cattle, especially to the cow and its progeny, both when alive and when dead. The model Gowshala along with its adjuncts will indicate the lines on which improvements can be sought in the leather industry, which, in our country, has potentialities next only to those of the textile industry. The Exhibition seeks to bring home to those who visit it our dependence on these friends of humanity for a variety of the articles of our daily need.

Compared to the Exhibition we had in Lucknow in April last, this Exhibition is a much less ambitious venture. The exigencies of space, the paucity of resources, particularly in view of the prevalence of famine conditions in some parts of the Maharashtra, and the smallness of the time at our disposal after the cessation of late rains, have all combined in compelling us to curtail our original plans. We were also handicapped by the absence of the General Secretary Sjt. Shankerlal Banker, who is still kept away in Ahmedabad by other urgent duties. While we plead for a little indulgence on these grounds, we would request all visitors to the Exhibition to view it critically, we would welcome suggestions and we would wish to know our own deficiencies as seen by others.—United Press.

PRESIDENT WELCOMES KISAN MARCHERS

300 Miles On Foot From Manmad

TILAKNAGAR, Dec. 25.

About 500 Kisan marchers headed by Prof. N. G. Ranga, Messrs. Indulal Yajnik, Yusuf Meherally, Jai Prakash Narayan, M. R. Masani, Swami Sahajanand and other Kisan and Labour leaders, entered Tilak Nagar through the Shivaji Gate at 12 noon, shouting Kisan slogans and carrying red banners with hammer and sickle inscribed on them.

The marchers who started on the foot and covered a distance of about three hundred miles were joined at Bhusaval by the President-elect of the Kisan Congress and other leaders.

After Prof. Ranga's welcome, Pandit Jawaharlal Nehru welcomed the Kisan marchers on behalf of the Congress. He said he had come there only to accord them till he had delivered his presidential speech on December 27. While in Bombay he learnt the proposal will draw the attention of Kisans to big things and specially they would know what happened at the Congress and Kisan Conference sessions. "Since you have completed the journey, I welcomed you here."—United Press Special.

GOAL OF CONGRESS

Amendment To Congress Resolution

FAIZPUR, Dec. 25.

Mr. Ram Rai Munshi, a member of the A.I.C.C. of Gujarat has suggested the following resolutions for the A.I.C.C. and Congress:—

I. In the article of the constitution of the Congress regarding Goal, add the words "Sovereign Status" so as to make the whole read as follows:—

"The Goal of the Congress is "Complete National Independence" and Sovereign Status," etc.

Note:—To clarify and define the goal beyond controversy or interpretation for clear juristic terminology.

II. The Congress declares the following principle in relation to Land Revenue and Rent, that—

"Neither the State nor the land-owner has any right to levy tax or rent on land without supplying the cultivator with adequate means to make the land yield profits."

Note:—To serve as the only correct and scientific formula for guiding National struggle of the Peasants and Tenants about Land Revenue and Rent Policy.

MAHAKOSHAL CONGRESS IMPASSE

Why Seth Govind Das And Others Resigned

JUBBULPORE, Dec 25

The impasse that had been created in the Mahakoshal Congress Committee affairs over the decision of Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel in nominating certain candidates against the will and wishes of the Provincial Parliamentary Board and which led a number of prominent Congressmen to retire from the Congress and election affairs, still stands unsolved.

Interviewed Seth Govind Das refused to make any statement to the Press over the present state of the affairs, but speaking on behalf of the resignees said:—

"We have submitted our grievances and view point before the Central Parliamentary Committee with a request to reconsider the decision of Sardar Patel with an open and unbiased mind. If our representation goes unheeded, and Sardar Patel's decision stands unamended, we shall then have no other alternative left but to retire from the fold of the Congress, quietly. We shall neither revolt against the Congress institution nor form any independent party of our own to oppose the Congress candidates. We shall not hamper the progress of our substitutes, but shall wait patiently till better times prevail and our humble services are requisitioned by the country."

An emergency meeting of the Mahakoshal Provincial Congress Parliamentary Committee held here on Sunday and Monday last is reported to have passed a resolution condemning the attitude of Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel in flouting the unanimous recommendation of the Committee.—United Press

SYMPATHY FOR B. N. R. STRIKERS

S. I. Federation Of Workers And Peasants Appeals For Funds

MADRAS, Dec 25.

The Secretary, South Indian Federation of Workers and Peasants, has sent the following telegram to Mr. Ramalingam, Vice-President Labour Union, Kharagpur:—

"The South Indian Federation of Workers and Peasants supports the strikers and sympathises with them. Wish you all success".

In a statement issued separately he appeals to all peasants and workers of the South to contribute their mite to the B. N. Railway Strikers' Relief Fund. Contributions to the said fund may be sent to the Secretary, South Indian Federation of Workers and Peasants, "Vahini" Office, 23 Stringer Street, Madras.—United Press.

LAHORE STUDENTS' CONFERENCE

(Continued from page 6.)

sides politics. If this scheme is carried out the student may get to see a lot of places and they would do it all cheap and they may be able to appreciate the conditions of their friends in all the provinces.

'Students' Tribune."

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REVOLT OF ARISTOCRACY CAUSES KING EDWARD'S ABDICATION

LONDON, (By Air Mail.)

The immense power of the press at certain moments in the National History is best illustrated by the great Constitutional Crisis. For the last six months, the vast American Press has been following every movement of Mrs. Simpson. The photographs taken during the cruise in the "Nahlin" appeared with catching caption in all the leading tabloid papers. The British censor was engaged in tearing of pages of magazines and journals before allowing them to be imported. From the American papers most of the Fleet Street journalists knew that Mrs. Simpson was in the front seat next to the King, when the latter to the great surprise of the station officials came to receive, and drove her personally to the Balmoral Castle. When at the Norfolk assizes at Ipswich she was granted a *decree nisi* in an undefended divorce case, all the mention that British papers made of the case was the barest announcement of the case. The American papers, however, came out with the caption: "Will Davy marry Wally?"

BIGGEST SCOOP.

Though the British Ambassador and the Consuls were kept busy in making semi-official protests and requests to American authorities, the crisis would not have developed perhaps but for Mr. Randolph Hearst, the famous newspaper magnate, who has bought a castle in Wales and where he spends part of his annual holiday. A few weeks ago, what appears to be an interview with somebody in closest touch with the Royalty appeared in the Hearst chain of papers as the biggest scoop of the year in the United States. It is understood this interview was secured by Mr. Hearst personally and the write-up clearly indicated that the interview bore the stamp of some authority. It said that the King had declared that he would marry Mrs. Simpson in June, 1937 i.e., a month following the Coronation.

Events began to move fast. Already the cuttings from the American papers had begun to cause tremendous perturbation in Australia, which is swayed tremendously by the anti-divorce attitude of the Roman Catholic Church. Premier Lyon immediately took up the matter with 10, Downing Street. Mr Stanley Baldwin immediately seized the opportunity which he had been waiting for months. For, part of his worry for the last few months has been over this Mrs. Simpson business.

OCCASION FOR CRISIS.

It is strongly rumoured in high political circles that Premier Baldwin took up the matter unsuccessfully with the King before the latter's departure for the Mediterranean cruise. Mr. Anthony Eden, Foreign Secretary, also had to bring to Mr. Baldwin's notice the remarks in diplomatic circles that Mrs. Simpson was being given precedence over the wives of Ambassadors. So, Premier Baldwin went to Buckingham Palace and stated the case from the point of view of the Australian Premier. Conversations were brought to a point when the King who had to ask the Premier as to what he thought of legislation for a morganatic marriage with Mrs. Simpson. But it was Mr. Baldwin who chose the time for the occasion of the crisis.

Not only the Australian Premier but the Archbishop of Canterbury and some of the highest rankers of the British Nobility had been egging on Premier Baldwin to settle this matter. A careful examination of Court Circulars revealed the interesting omission that there was practically no mention of His Majesty attending Divine service in any chapel. Court Circulars issued during the last King's reign always contained some such notice on Sundays: "His Majesty the King attended divine service at Windsor chapel ....." This continual omission annoyed and perturbed the Clergy specially the Archbishop of Canterbury.

Secondly a still greater scrutiny of the Court Circular revealed that there would have been fewer Court functions during the present King's reign even, if allowance is made for the mourning period. Instead of Court functions attended by the Dukes, Earls, Duchesses and Marchionesses in the Buckingham Palace, there would have taken place in the country houses of several leading Peers parties, where the sole topic of conversation has been Mrs. Simpson. It is an open secret that several of the leading society personages openly expressed their unwillingness to pay homage to the King, if this sort of things were to continue. They felt indignant that plain Mrs. Simpson was receiving precedence over the Duchesses, Marchionesses and Countesses. So began the revolt of the Aristocracy.

SLEEPLESS NIGHTS FOR PREMIER.

Thus Mr. Baldwin who must have spent many spleepless nights during the last six months began to wait for his opportunity. What could be a greater opportunity than the occasion provided by the failure of the foreign policy of the Government over the Spanish Non-intervention Committee? Feeling in Britain was mounting high and would have naturally reached a crescendo with the knowledge of the landing of not 2,000 but 5,000 German volunteers during the week-end of the last week. No doubt, the Socialists would have tried to push the Government to a policy of intervention which in the opinion of some people might mean war. It was when the Spanish war was reaching such a crucial point as the active intervention by troops of Germany, that Premier Baldwin chose to divert the attention of the country with the greatest constitutional crisis of the history.—United Press.

CHALLENGE TO CHRISTIANS?

Delhi Conference Pleads For Equal Treatment To Harijans

NEW DEHLI, (By Mail)

The attitude of Indian Christians towards the coming constitution was defined at the concluding session of the All-India Christian Conference.

The Conference expressed the opinion that the provisions of the Government of India Act fell short of the legitimate demands of the people for Self-Government. Notwithstanding this, the Conference opined that India's best interest would not be served by a policy of obstruction or Non-co-operation. It, therefore, suggested to the various parties that full advantage should be taken of the powers conferred on the legislatures in order to promote the social, economic and political welfare of India. It called on the Christian representatives in the Legislative Assemblies to co-operate in every way possible with such parties and persons as undertake to do constructive work in and through the legislatures.

The Conference appealed to the leaders of the various communities to find a most practical and equitable solution of the contentious problems concerning various communal groups in the best interests of the country. The Conference appreciated the desire of the Depressed Classes to secure for themselves a freer and more just and human life and while their decision to change their religion could not and should not be made a matter of barter or exploitation, it was the unalterable duty of Christians and the Church to open the door wide to all who voluntarily sought its fellowship.

CHALLENGE TO X'IANS

The Conference goes on to say that this new surge amongst the outcastes in India was a challenge to the disciples of Christ (a) to redouble their services to the needy unprivileged and the downtrodden and (b) to re-examine their own attitude, customs and practices in their individual capacity as well as members of organised bodies and Churches with a view to their elimination. The acceptance of any custom or tradition or any method associated with or traceable to caste or class distinction, was, entirely repugnant to Christ and should not be tolerated or compromised in any form or shape.—A.P.

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"SHOW BOAT"
At The Plaza

Universal have launched "Show Boat" again, and the humble gratitude of all filmgoers will follow its glittering wake as it glides tunefully along at the Plaza Talkies (Tilak Bridge, Dadar), this week. "Show Boat" is one of those generous entertainments which Hollywood gives the world now and then to gain fresh friends for films. It has a strong story delightfully acted, beautiful settings and lovable music which is all the more attractive owing to its familiarity and excellent rendering by artistes of such calibre as Paul Robeson and Irene Dunne. Robeson sings "Ole Man River" magnificently, his superhuman voice which has all the tonal qualities of an organ, echoes tumultuously as he sings the well-loved melody. He sings only one other song however, "Ah Still Suits Me," but his fine presence and gentle grandeur is palpable all through the first part of the film

There could have been no finer choice for the role of Magnolia than Irene Dunne, her gracious charm and delicate fascination makes the character real, and her beautiful voice blends perfectly with Allan Jones' sweet tenor in the duets, while it rings out clear and true in the solos. Her rendering of "Can't Help Lovin' Dat Man" is superb, and another old favourite "After The Ball" takes on a new beauty when she sings it. Miss Dunne displays an unexpected talent for light comedy —she even dons "black-face" for the "Gallivantin' Around" number—and yet she handles the tragic moments in the film with superlative skill.

"Show Boat" is based on Edna Ferber's novel, and is briefly the story of a young girl Magnolia, daughter of Andy Hawks, the owner of a Mississipi Show Boat. At one of the stopping-places Magnolia meets and falls in love with a wastrel, Gaylord Ravenal. Julie (Helen Morgan) is discovered to be a "white" negress and is dismissed from her position as the Show Boat's leading lady along with her husband Steve, (Donald Cook) its leading man Magnolia takes her place and Ravenal, who begs a passage from Cap'n Andy, is promoted to juvenile lead opposite her. They marry and after their daughter Kim (Marilyn Knowlden) is born Ravenal and his wife leave the show boat, and lead a precarious existence in Chicago, until debt forces Ravenal into leaving Magnolia and Kim. Through the good offices of some old friends and Julie, Magnolia joins a cabaret show and is a tremendous success not only in America but on the London stage. When she retires her daughter, Kim (Sunny O'Dea) carries on the family reputation, and on the opening night of Kim's first Broadway success a strange reunion takes place between Magnolia and her long-lost husband. On no account miss seeing "Show Boat," not only is the acting and singing excellent but the direction of James Whale is spirited and expert. This is one of the best musical films of this or any another year.

FAMOUS DESIGNER EXPLAINS
Carole Lombard Is Hollywood's Best Dressed Woman

Why is Carole Lombard Hollywood's best-dressed woman?

That question often has been asked, but more frequently the fact has been accepted without question.

In case, however, there is doubt of her leadership in the minds of any rivals, it is easy and interesting to note the various reasons why this Paramount star has been most frequently voted as the film capitol's first and foremost fashion plate.

Travis Banton, recognized as one of the world's most expert costume designers and style arbiters, has designed clothes for Miss Lombard ever since she started her picture career. His opinion regarding the star's style flair is, therefore, extremely valuable.

'I dislike naming Hollywood's best or worst dressed woman," declared Banton in Hollywood recently, "but if we must vote we must vote fairly. Carole Lombard typifies the thoroughly smart, modern woman of to-day. Her wardrobe is complete impeccable and as up-to-the-moment as any personal wardrobe can possibly be. In spite of the fact that we, in Hollywood, are constantly tempted to collect a casual, semi-tropical wardrobe which suits our mild climate, Carole Lombard is one of the few personalities on hand to remind us that such a laxity is dangerous. I honestly believe that Carole could be invited anywhere, to any climate, for an event which might take place at any hour of the day or evening without the slightest panic as to what she would wear.

"Her wardrobe is perfection, from the moment she arises for breakfast and dons a flattering chiffon negligee of blue or rose pastel to the time she dresses in a swank tailleur shopping; to the time she must change for luncheon, probably into a black crepe frock topped by a fur scarf or cape through the tea or cocktail hours dressed in black with a sophisticated hat; changing again for dinner to one of her exotic full skirts with a swallow-tail jacket of lame; to still later in the evening when she swathes her lovely figure in a severe cape of midnight blue satom which drapes about her without benefit of fur adornment—Carole is the epitome of high style to-day, to-morrow and always.

"Another reason, aside from the readiness and completeness of her wardrobe, is that she is never without the necessary confidence to wear something new, something mad or something difficult to "get away with". Few women are borne with this courage but Carole knows style so thoroughly that she is never unsure of anything she sees fit to launch.

"In short," declared Mr. Banton, "she is a constant delight to a designer and a never-ending inspiration to feminine fans as well as to other feminine stars in Hollywood. Whenever a poll is taken Carole is mentioned by designers, fashion authorities and rival players—which goes to prove that my deep admiration and devotion to her as a friend and super-model for my designs does not sway my opinion. She deserves the fashion crown—more than anyone else in town. So be it!"

Cicily Courtneidge in "Ev erybody Dance" at the Excelsior.

FAMOUS DANCER GIVES ADVICE
And Emphasise Importance Of Dancing

"Let yourself go" isn't just a song title, although it's the name of an Irving Berlin number in Fred Astaire's and Ginger Rogers' recent "Follow The Fleet."

The phrase also represents Astaire's own advice to amateur dancers, as expressed during the making of his newest film-musical, "Swing Time", for RKO Radio.

Most beginners have two main faults, the famous wing-footed actor says; they slavishly follow a rigid routine of steps instead of being free in their dancing, and they are apt to be self-conscious, stiff and awkward.

"Practice will overcome both faults," Astaire says. "The best way to overcome self-consciousness is to get right out and dance, preferably on a fairly crowded floor, since a beginner is less conspicuous in a crowd. It is essential for him to lose all worry of what others think of his dancing. Once a novice has passed this point—and all beginners go through it—he can begin thinking about improving his technic.

"The other fault, that of following clock-work routine, is one that many experienced dancers commit. Ballroom dancing should be a form of self-expression, reflecting the moods the music and rhythm evoke, within reasonable limits; it should never take the form of a fixed series of steps repeated over and over like a routine of setting-up exercises.

"That doesn't mean that an amateur should try adagio steps or abandon himself to gyrations that endanger other dancers. But he should improvise as he dances, just as a musician may improvise on a piano, and try to express a mood rather than follow a ritual."

Ginger Rogers is again co-starred with Astaire in "Swing Time," which marks their sixth appearance together.

DANCING IS FINE WEIGHT REDUCER, STARS DISCOVER

Personal proof of the fact that dancing is an excellent way to reduce weight is told by the scales to Fred Astaire and Ginger Rogers dancing co-stars of RKO Radio's new filmusical. "Swing Time."

Thanks to a consistent schedule of training and exercise, Astaire manages to hold his weight fairly steadily at around 135 pounds, as he dances a certain number of hours a day whether making a picture or not. But even he will lose as much as three pounds by evening, after a hard day of stepping in front of the camera.

Since he has no intention of losing these three pounds permanently, a good night's rest always brings the scale needle back to normal by morning.

Miss Rogers, however, will lose from five to eight pounds by the time a picture is finished and on one occasion, after filming two pictures in rapid succession, was down to 102 pounds instead of her normal 112 or 114. But in her case a few weeks away from the studio brings her back to par.

Dieting is unnecessary for either star, since both are ardent advocates of exercise between pictures. Astaire divides his time between golf and tennis and hunting trips, along with his constant dancing routines. Miss Rogers delights in both tennis and badminton, with swimming and riding as alternative sports. And neither have to worry about what they eat. Nature takes care of their weight accounts for them.

There was some difficulty in the dressmaking department of the studio, since the chorus girls of "Swing Time", were found to be dropping weight in the course of their strenuous rehearsals under direction of Hermes Pan. Their costumes had to be taken in more than once before their work on the picture was finished.

"Tarzan Escapes" at the Empire.

"FAUST" AT THE CAPITOL
Brilliant Music And Singing

Most of Gounod's operas have a religious basis—"Faust" and "Romeo and Juliet" being the two exceptions, although there is a remote religious background to "Faust," which is really the opera that has kept Gounod's reputation alive to-day. Gounod broke away from the traditions of the old Italian opera by giving the voice and the orchestra their level parts, granting due support to the voice by appropriate orchestration. The words were originally in French, though probably the Italian version is more popular.

The old Faust legend as recorded by Goethe and other dramatists is adhered to fairly closely in the opera; it was a subject that suited the religious-minded Gounod's genius to perfection, and fortunately the spiritual trend is not so overwhelming as to prevent its becoming popular, and remaining so to this day.

The orchestral prelude to "Faust" is impressive, though the opening scene is comparatively Fame till it rises to the concluding duet between Faust (Signor Alfieri) and Mefistofole (Signor Flamini). The second scene opens with the brilliant chorus, followed by Valentino's (Signor Nascinbene) song in fine baritone. Perfect orchestration is noticeable in Mefistofole's "Song of the Calf" that follows. The famous waltz then follows, rendered beautifully by the orchestra, accompanied by the ballet dancing with gay abandon. The third scene starts with the pretty flower song delicately rendered by Siebel (Signorina Lina Bonaventura). Signorina Luisa Palazzini interprets the role of Margoevita with realism and with a superb voice of correct technique. Her Jewel song sparkles with glee and shy satisfaction. Faust's passionate wooing in the brilliant tenor voice of Signor Alfieri and Marguevite's

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SEEING STARS
Some Ingenious Processes

Screen "fans" are full of surprises.

For instance, recently a Texas beauty "fell" so hard for Robert Taylor that she fainted.

Taylor was visiting the Texas Centennial at Dallas. Upon entering, a crowd broke through the police lines and descended on him. One girl, a beauty contest winner, was introduced to Taylor by a Texas ranger. The girl looked into his eyes and fainted in his arms.

Johnny Weissmuller had a somewhat similar experience at the Santa Monica Beach, where he does duty as a lifeguard. A youngster came to grief in the water. Weissmuller swam out and brought him in. On the beach they worked over him, revived him. The boy opened his eyes, looked at Weissmuller. "Tarzan!" he exclaimed, and promptly fainted.

Clark Gable drove a youngster twenty miles and couldn't convince the boy that he actually was Gable. He was on his way to a hunting spot in Wyoming, when he picked up the youthful rambler.

"Gee, mister," remarked the boy. "You look a lot like Clark Gable." Gable admitted his identity.

"Aw, quit fooling,' answered the youngster. It was not until they reached camp and others called Gable by his name that the boy realized who had driven the car.

"You couldn't have expected me to believe you, though" insisted his erstwhile passenger. Gable is inclined to believe the boy was right.

Greta Garbo had an odd meeting with a "fan" recently. A little girl was hovering outside the Metro-Goldwyn-Mayer gates. Miss Garbo arrived, alighted from her machine. The child rushed in, under the arm of the gateman, and hurriedly presented her autograph book and a pen. Miss Garbo signed. The child dashed out again. Not a word was exchanged between them.

James Stewart bought his petrol from the same service station attendant in Hollywood for two weeks. Each day the attendant remarked on how much he looked like James Stewart.

Then one day the attendant met him, grinning.

"I just found out," he remarked. "You 'are' James Stewart!" One of his other customers had enlightened him.

Joan Crawford was leaving the studio when she heard a voice hearing her. Not seeing where it came from, she stopped, whereupon a couple of youngsters hiding behind a car parked at the curb descended on her with autograph books.

"We tried it on Robert Montgomery and it worked," they told her. "And Mr. Montgomery told us you were on your way out in a white roadster."

Joan is still thinking up a way to get even with Montgomery.

Elizabeth Bergner in "As You Like It," X'mas feature at the Regal.

"TARZAN ESCAPES"
X'mas Thriller At The Empire

The best known character of modern fiction, cartoon, and screen . . . the most popular adventure hero in all history . . . the idol of untold millions of kiddies of every race, colour and creed . . . the delight of hosts of men and women . . . TARZAN . . . is again to unreel his thrilling jungle life in a Metro-Goldwyn-Mayer picture.

This time it is "Tarzan Escapes," and again Johnny Weissmuller is Tarzan and again Maureen O'Sullivan is the heroine. The eagerly-awaited picture begins its engagement here starting to-night at the Empire Theatre.

With hordes of jungle beasts, with enough thrills for a dozen pictures, and with a brand new romantic idea, the new Edgar Rice Burroughs adventure yarn takes Tarzan and his beloved Jane into the land of the giant bats where perils never before filmed are encountered.

The new production was directed by Richard Thorpe, famed explorer and director of "Last of the Pagans."

Since her last appearance in a Tarzan picture Miss O'Sullivan has won dramatic triumphs in an unbroken series of hit pictures, including "The Barretts of Wimpole Street," in which she appeared with Norma Shearer and Frederic March; "David Copperfield," "The Thin Man," "Anna Karenina," "The Voice of Bugle Ann" and numerous others.

Prominent in the supporting cast of "Tarzan Escapes'" are Benita Hume, recently seen as the malevolent spy in "Suzy," William Henry, Herbert Mundin and John Buckler. Henry, one of the most promising young juveniles on the M-G-M lot, plays the role of Jane's cousin who braves darkest Africa to find her and induce her to return to civilization. Mundin adds considerable hilarity in another of his typical cockney characterizations; Buckler is seen as Major Fry, the explorer, as villainous a character as ever fought his way through an African swamp.

Battles with hostile African natives, an eerie encounter with giant bats, Tarzan's fight to release animals captured for menageries, the rescue of the white party from the wild Ganelon! tribesmen, the mad elephant stampede which saves the scouting party, the escape of Tarzan from a cage in which he has been imprisoned, native tortures, a plunge over a cliff, a perilous adventure in a crocodile-infected river—these are just a few of the many thrill sequences in "Tarzan Escapes."

The picture was given the same spectacular production that marked the two preceding Tarzan adventure dramas, more than a year of extensive location shooting being required to give the atmosphere and backgrounds the details of authenticity.

"BIG BROADCAST OF 1937"
X'Mas Spotlight At Pathe

An all-time high in big names assembled for a motion picture was scored recently by Paramount in garnering the talent for the lavish "Big Broadcast of 1937" which is now playing at the Pathe Theatre.

Heading the list is Jack Benny, recently acclaimed by America in its own poll of radio favourites as among the top notchers. Jack is not a newcomer to the movies, having scored several hits in the past. He carries the role of a radio station master in "The Big

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"The Big Broadcast of 1937" at the Pathe for the X'mas Season.

Indian News From Here And There

VAGARIES OF A GOVT. OFFICIAL

Alleged Attack On Congress And President Jawaharlal

(From Our Correspondent)
NAGPUR, (By Mail)

A correspondent from Morshi (Berar) writing to ths "Maharashtra", Nagpur, reports that the Deputy Commissioner, Amraoti is conducting an anti-Congress campaign in the course of his tour in the district. It is stated that on the 14th and 15th instant, the Deputy Commissioner, in the course of his talks with several people, said,: "The Congress candidates even if elected, will be a miss-representative of the people" He is also stated to have strongly commended the anti-Congress candidates to the voters.

The Deputy Commissioner, after giving vent to the aforesaid remarks, proceeded to Ner, another village in the district, where he is reported to have indulged in an attack against the Congress President Pandit Jawaharlal Nehru and represented to the voters that the Congress is an organization which is instigating Indians to pursue a wrong path.

These remarks have caused a great stir amongst Congressmen in Amraoti, as they are in contravention of the plighted word of Sir Henry Craik in the Legislative Assembly that the Government and its officers would observe strict neutrality in the forthcoming elections.

CONGRESS ACTIVITY IN MYSORE

Parliamentary Board To Be Formed

(From Our Correspondent)
BANGALORE (By Mail)

A meeting of the General Body of the Bangalore District Congress Committee was held on December, 20th 1936 in Mr. Shamanna's Office under the Presidency of Sjt. Ramalal Thivary. The meeting unanimously approved the formation of the Mysore State Congress Parliamentary Board and resolved that the Executive Committee should assist the Parliamentary Board in its work in the District.

Some of the Delegates to the Congress of the Mysore State will be leaving for Faizpur by Guntakal Mail on 22nd night

INDEPENDENCE THEIR FOREMOST OBJECTIVE

Mr. Kapadia's Appeal To Jain Youths

(From Our Correspondent.)
BARODA, Dec. 22.

Mr. Parmanand Kapadia, delivering a discourse on "the Present Social order" at a public meeting held recently under the auspices of the Baroda Jain Youth League stated that he was glad to see the constructive work of the Jain Youth League and expressed satisfaction regarding its work in connection with the Diksha Prohibition legislation.

He urged all Jains to keep the goal of independence as their foremost objective because it was the key to relieve people from poverty and illiteracy. He further said that true religion dependended on Swarajya and it was only a free nation that could worship its deities at ease.

LIBRARIES CONFERENCE.

Rao Bahadur Govindbhai H. Desai, presided at the fourth session of the Baroda District Libraries Conference. He urged in the course of his speech the need of educating public opinion in favour of reading books of serious nature. He stated that the progress of Japanese people mainly depended on the nature of primary education imported in that country and exhorted all to follow the noble traditions of Japan.

As a sequel to Maharaja Gaekwar's orders for introducing compulsory physical training as an experimental measure in schools, the Educational Department has decided to give instructions to schools.

Mr. B. K Naik, son of Prof. K. G. Naik, who had just returned from America after getting good experience in the Stringfield University, has been appointed as the Physical Inspector, while Mrs Krisnabai Cristi, has been appointed as Lady Physical instructor

Death Of Mr. V. R. Bhatt

(From A Correspondent.)
KAIRA, Dec. 25.

Mr. Vishvanath Ranchhodji Bhatt of Kaira, retired Chiresteder of Land Records, ex-settlement officer of Sachin State and the ex-Superintendent of Modh Vanik Boarding of Bombay, died at Kaira on December 20, 1936, at 8-30 p.m., at the age of 77.

NIZAM'S STATE RAILWAY

Report For Five Years Shows Encouraging Results

(From Our Correspondent.)
HYDERABAD, (Dn.), (By Mail.)

"The Board have wisely been cautious in hopes, but the success achieved is solid and encouraging" concludes the report on the Nizam's State Railway after reviewing the position of the Railway for five years after its purchase from the Company.

The following is the summary of the report of the working of the Nizam's State Railway for the past five years by His Exalted Highness' Government as prepared by the Railway Board:—

On 31st March 1935, Rs. 14.7 crores was the total capital charge on the Nizam's State Railway and the net earnings in that year were 91.1 lakhs, thus yielding a net revenue on capital outlay of 6.2 per cent. as compared with 5.8 in the previous year, the return on class I Railway in British India being only 3.9 per cent. in 1934-1935. The ratio of working expenses total earnings was reduced from 57.5 to 55.6 per cent. due mainly to increased traffic in food grains and cotton and coal as a result of special rates having been quoted.

ROAD MOTOR TRANSPORT

The road motor transport service was inaugurated by the State Railway in 1932 with the object of serving areas not penetrated by the Railway line and of feeding railway passenger traffic. In 1932-33 the road mileage covered by railway buses was only 284 and the working expenses were 2.48 lakhs. In the year 1936-37, however, the road mileage will be 3,825 and the total working expenses 19.75 lakhs. The Depreciation Fund stands at Rs. 36.5 lakhs for Railways and Rs. 2.7 lakhs for Road Transport and it is after due contributions to these funds that the entire net Railway earnings work at 6.2 per cent. and the Road Transport section net earnings work at over ten per cent.

The Hyderabad Railway Board modestly conclude, "The serious fall in Railway earnings since 1929-30 probably reached its limit in 1932-33, but since then the increase has not been sufficiently maintained to justify the Board's expecting that the upward trend has definitely set in."

RADIO STATION FOR RURAL UPLIFT

Dhar Chief Lays Foundation In Dewas State

DEWAS, (By Mail)

A new system of Physical Education has been introduced in the State Schools and fortnight's programme of Mass Physical Training was given to the school children at the town during the last Divali holidays. The system of training introduced is of the School of Prof. Manikrao of Baroda.

The Victoria High School has organized an extensive historical trip of senior students. The party of 16 will visit during the Christmas the famous historical places in Malwa and Eastern Rajputana.

His Highness has started with an extensive scheme of Village uplift, and as a part of the programme, the foundation Stone of a Radio Tower was recently laid by His Highness the Maharaja of Dhar at the Devisagar Hat.

The second Annual Conference of the Mafidars of the State is in session under the Presidentship of Shrimant Nanasaheb Bhagwat of Nasik. A Boarding-house for the sons of the Mafidars was opened on the 19th December.

INDIAN PHILOSOPHY AND I. C. S. EXAM.

Protest Against Exclusion From Revised Syllabus Of Subjects

(From Our Correspondent)
NEW DELHI, Dec. 24.

Before concluding the session the Indian Philosophical Congress passed the following resolutions:

The Congress regrets the exclusion of Indian Philosophy from the revised syllabus of subjects for I. C. S. examination at a time, when Indian philosophy was acquiring increasing importance in the world of thought and was being recognised as an essential part of degree courses in philosophy by different Indian Universities and draws the attention of authorities to an inconveniece which such exclusion would cause to students of Philosophy, and unfavourable reaction on the study of Indian thought and culture, that would be produced by this discrimination against philosophy. The resolution also has drawn the attention of authorities to the fact that provision should be made by new regulations for setting questions on Indian Philosophy in a paper on civilisation, which students of languages only were allowed to offer, did neither benefit students of Philosophy, nor give to Indian Philosophy place it deserved in India.

ORIGINAL PLACE

The Congress requested the authorities that Indian philosophy should be restored to the place, it enjoyed among the subjects previously permitted for I. C. S. examination.

Other resolution noted with profound regret at the exclusion of philosophy from Indian Audit and Accounts Service Examination and its non-inclusion in Indian Police Service Examination and requested the authorities to give to Philosophy (as to other subjects like History and Economics) the place it deserved as imparting to prospective public servants, knowledge of psychology, ethics, sociology and general philosophy which would be useful for mental equipment for them, in the discharge of their public duties.

A Committee was appointed with Rai Bahadur N. K. Sen, Registrar of the Delhi University as convener to make representation to authorities on the subjects of the above resolutions.

LORRY RAIDED AND PASSENGERS ROBBED

25 Persons Arrested On Suspicion

KARACHI, Dec. 25.

A message from Shikarpur says that sensation was caused last night, when a lorry coming from Sukkur was raided by four Pathans, armed with guns and axes. The Pathans, after assaulting the driver and robbing passengers of their belongings, disappeared.

The Police have arrested 25 persons on suspicion. Further investigation is proceeding.—United Press.

The Madras Government have approved the resolution of the Madras Corporation Council sanctioning the payment of a sum of Rs. 1,000 towards the relief of sufferers by cyclone in the Guntur District.

The Government, however have, it is understood, specified that the amount should be placed at the disposal of the Collector of the District.

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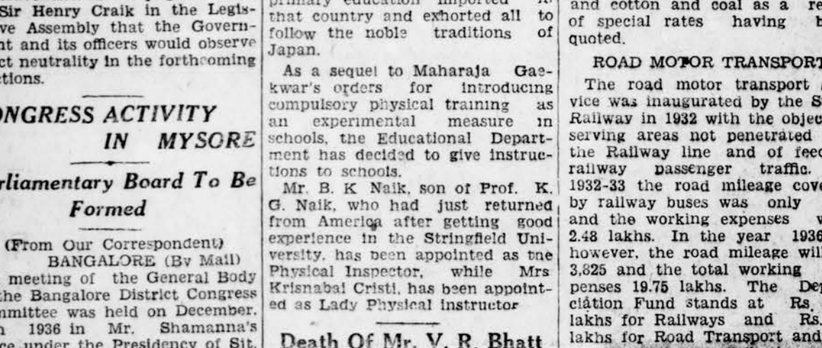

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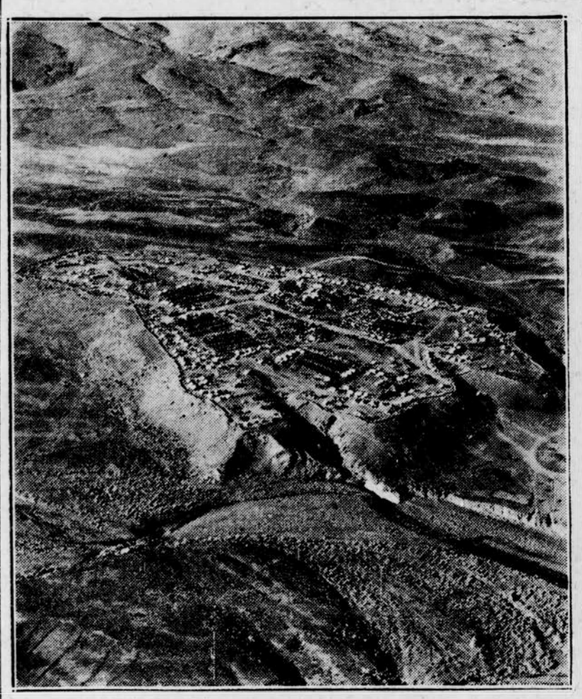

Air photograph of Jaler Camp in lower Khasora Valley on the North West Frontier of India.

ROMANCE OF ROAD-MAKING

Protected By 'Planes And Pickets Pioneers Forge Ahead In Khaisora

BANNU, (By Mail.)

The following is a report received from an official eye-witness in the Khaisora Valley:

From a fighting standpoint things have been dull. In view of the bombast and boasts of the Faqir of Ipi things have been unexpectedly dull. So I can only describe the somewhat humdrum but laborious work on which we have been engaged. It is a tale of hard daily road construction adequately protected and carried out with a will.

The road we are making is one to meet necessities. It serves a very definite purpose, of which we had a practical demonstration on the 9th December when the Force moved forward from Tochi Camp to form a new camp on the Jaler Algad Forces of to-day require far more impedimenta than did those of the "classical" wars of the nineties. The grand old days of "burn and scuttle" are over. The tribesmen are now better armed. They are becoming "air-minded." They have always been experts at guerilla warfare, their tactics are deserving of respect. Nothing can be left to chance. Our own forces require far more to-day in the way of maintenance than did those of thirty years ago. They can no longer "live on the country" and indeed no force could "live on the country" in the Khaisora Valley for there is nothing to live on. Food, ammunition, baggage, medical stores, field hospitals—to mention only a few items—have all to be supplied to the troops to enable them to carry out their task efficiently. The administrative problem may be greater than the tactical. Thus when the troops moved on to Jaler Camp they were followed closely by some hundred lorries. These, thanks to the splendid work of the R.I.A.S.C. drivers, all reached camp and returned without mishap. As so often happens in operations on the North West Frontier the problem of water supply was a difficult one. So water had also to be carried forward. Since then springs have been found in the Jaler Algad which have been developed by the Sappers and Miners. So this administrative difficulty has been wiped off the slate.

DAILY ROUTINE.

Our general daily procedure is simple. Each day an adequate force goes out to protect troops on road construction. Let us watch a normal incident of the routine. The advanced guard moves out through the camp piquets in the grey dawn, but as they move the light increases. The advanced guard commander begins to piquet the route for the day. That is, to place protective detachments to prevent the enemy from interfering with the troops on road construction. The whole operation is carried out with the ordered precision of the parade ground. Each man knows his task and what to do. Behind are the guns and machine guns ready to support the piquets. The advanced guard Commander calls an officer and gives him details as to the position to be occupied by the piquet and its strength. The gunner and the machine-gun officer note the details and arrange for support. In a few minutes the piquet moves off. They cross the low ground at the double and begin to climb the spur. From many points field glasses are trained on them and on their objective. Guns and machine-guns are waitng and watching. The piquet moves upwards, the size of the men dwindling to the eye as they climb. They near the position and halt. There is a flicker of light from the crouching men. They are fixing bayonets. Suddenly they rise and move swiftly to their position. For an instant they stand out against the sky with flashes of light from their bayonets. Then they are down. In a short time comes the signal "Piquet established." The watching officers close their glasses with a sigh of relief. "Stand by! We are going on! prepared to move," and so the force moves on.

THE MONSTER.

For the rest we have our own jokes and quips, many provided involuntarily. One of our jokes is the facial expression of the gentleman in the green blazer who drives a device like a great mechanical plough which aids our road making. This plough is known as "The Monster." The presiding genius of this hits a rock, but never turns a hair. On the contrary he draws back his complicated machine and returns to the assault. No rock in the Khaisora Valley can withstand three buffets from "The Monster." Our friend of the green blazer will go down to history. A great man!

I tremble to record that all normal operations had to cease when it was necessary to tell all and sundry that Don Bradman was out for a "duck." The Test Match is far more important than the Faqir of Ipi!

THE HOSPITALS.

In conclusion just a word about "back areas." I had an opportunity to visit our hospitals. I did not experience relief because I knew what I should see. The skill and attention which has been given to our casualties is beyond all praise. In the Army we know what our doctors do for us and we are deeply grateful to them. And one word about the R.A.F., who are by no means "back area." They shepherd us out of camp and back again. Always above us is the drone of their engines, the flash and sparkle of their silver wings and we know that a watcher is there ready to give information or to dive to our support. As the planes circle above us, when the arin permits, we take off our hats to them.

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Our Cairo Letter

ARAB REVOLT IN FRENCH MOROCCO

Underground Chambers For Protection Against Gas Attacks

(From Our Own Correspondent.)
CAIRO (By Mail.)

The Egyptian Government have officially returned the sum of £7,000, to the Italian Ambassador in Cairo.

This amount was paid during the Italo-Abyssinian War by the Italian authorities as the duty for the passage of vessels conveying war materials through the Suez Canal. The specific reasons for the return of the amount are not known.

An old man of 137 years, according to the "Jamooriat" of Istanbul, is now beginning to study the new Turkish language in Latin. Mr. Ali Shouki, the aged enthusiast, is anxious to study world problems through the local Latin papers, and magazines.

ITALIAN ENGINEER ARRESTED.

The gardener of the Mixed Court of Egypt has been of late observing the regular disappearance of certain flowers from his garden every day.

Being informed of this the authorities ordered a watch to be kept over the garden in the night, and also the morning.

As a result the authorities were surprised to know of the arrest of an Italian engineer of repute for being found to steal the flowers from the Government gardens.

Elaborate arrangements were made on the occasion of opening the new station on the Iraq Government Railways at Mosail, where all the officials of the Government and Railway were present.

As this new station will be connected with Tel Kishk shortly, by which the passengers will be able to travel from Bagdad to Calais in France, in a sixday journey with only a single transfer at Anna Dole Junction on the Turkish Frontier, en route, it is considered to be very important in the Continental Railways.

ARAB LEADERS IMPRISONED.

The Court of the Pasha in the City of Rabaat, French Morocco, has sentenced seven of the Arab leaders for various terms of imprisonment ranging from 3 to 6 years and 27 others from 3 months to one year, for offences connected with the procession led last month as a protest against the French authorities.

It might be mentioned here that about 400 Arabs went in a procession last month for securing their national demands and were arrested.

GERMAN MINISTER'S VISIT TO TURKEY.

The Commerce Minister of Germany along with some other German officers has arrived in Istanbul to meet the Turkish authorities.

It is understood that a commercial agreement will be entered into between the two countries very shortly.

Great preparations are being made by the Egyptian authorities for the construction of underground chambers in Alexandria and other coastal towns. These chambers will be for the purpose of accommodating people at the time of gas attacks.

It will be remembered here that similar anti-gas chambers are under construction in Cairo, where all the public buildings will be made gas-proof.

NAZI-JAPANESE PACT

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moral assistance and of influencing the position of other States on event in Spain." But here too, they will be disappointed, he says, since the whole world knows that the Spanish republican Government is the only lawful one and that the recognition by the fascist States of Franco's "Government" can in no way weaken the international position of the Republican Government."

"Observer," in another article on this matter writes: "The recognition of the Franco 'Government' is no mere 'gesture' having the object of encouraging the fascist insurgents. It is tantamount to a declaration of war on Spain and conflicts most glaringly with the undertakings that were assumed by the countries which signed the agreement on non-intervention." "The anti-Bolshevik platform on which the fascists are now uniting aims at concealing their plans against other capitalist powers, especially against Britain and her vast colonial empire.

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Bombay Programmes

VUB 350.9 metres, 855 kcs.
(TIME: A.M.)

11-0 Light music by Azambai of Kolhapur with Sarangi, Harmonium and Tabla. Noon 12-0 Quadrangular cricket (relayed from the Bombay Gymkhana Grounds).
(TIME: P.M.)

1-0 A concert by Jules Craen & his Quintette (relayed from the Taj Mahal Hotel). 4-0 Quadrangular cricket (relayed from the Bombay Gymkhana Grounds). 5-15 Talk (Gujerati) "Inventions and Inventors" No. 2 by Kalpana Khandwalla. 5-30 Music from Filmland (from the Regal Cinema). 6-30 Bhajan Songs by Ekanath Hatiskar. 7-15 Talk (Urdu) "My Travels in Foreign Countries" by H. A. Khan. 7-30 Garba, conducted by Gunvant Desai. 8-30 The News in Hindi. 8-45 Hindustani songs by Saraladevi with Sarangi, Harmonium and Tabla. 9-30 Talk (English) "Sports" by Frank Tarrant. 9-45 The News. 10-0 A Plectrum Concert, by the Melita Plectrum Orchestra.

Delhi Programmes

VUD 340.13 metres, 822 kcs.
(TIME: A.M.)

8-0 Indian music (recorded). 9-0 Talk (Hindustani) "Minding the Mind" No. 17. Disintegration of Personality, by Prof. Mirza Mahmood Beg. 9-15 AIR Orchestra C. Sindh Bhairvin (with an introduction of the Ragni). 9-30 K. N. Pathak of Baroda "Hun to tere karan jogi" Khayal Deshkar. "Piharwa jago" Khayal Aswari. "Tu to Girdhan Gopala" Bhajan. 10-0 Husn Ara Begum Akbarabadi "Mera man lago ya murakh ke sath" Khayal Multani. "Hain ishare yeh tegh-i-qatil ke, Ao arman nikal dun dil ke" (Amir Minai). "Na chher un ke tasawwar men ae bahar mujhe, Keh bu-i-gul bhi hai is waqt nagawar mujhe"

(TIME: P.M.)

12-30 AIR Orchestra C. Dev Sukh (with an introduction of the Ragni). 12-45 Husn Ara Begum Akbarabadi "Bin dekhe tore chain nahin awe re" Thumri Gaur Sarangi. "Kia cheez thi kia cheez thi zalim ki nazar bhi, Uf kar ke wahin baith gaya dard-i-jigar bhi" (Jigar). 1-5 Rasiya on Violin, Sarangi, Piano and Tabla. 1-10 K. N. Pathak of Baroda "Brij men dhum machaio sham" Khayal Bhim Plasi. "Bhaj re Ram Nam sukh dam" Bhajan. 1-30 "Something Old Something New" (a recorded programme). 5 0 1st News and Weather Report (English). 5-10 1st News and Weather Report (Hindustani). 5-20 AIR Orchestra B. Purbi (with an introduction of the Ragni). 5-30 K. N. Pathak of Baroda "Eri ali piya bin" Khayal Aiman Kallyan. "Tum Sagar chatur bayyan" Khayyal Kedara. "He Gobind rakho sharan" Bhajan. 6-0 Nautch Gat on Sarod, Sitar, Piano and Tabla. 6-10 Jawwali. 6-30 "For Villagers Only." (Delhi Market Rates at 7-0 p.m.). 7-30 Husn Ara Begum Akbarabadi "Lubhae gai jiyara kali kamaliya" Dadra. "Kis se taskeen-i-dil-i-nashad ho. Un ko gar bhulen to kis ki yad ho" (Mujruh). "Mahabat se debhar ke jam-i-mahabat, Keh hain ham azal se Ghulam-i-mahabat." 8-0 Debate (Hindustani) "Should they be scrapped?" No. 6. The Cinemas. Yes, by Syed Hamid Sahab, Imam, Jama Masjid. No, by Khwaja Mohammad Shafi. 8-20 Play (Hindustani) "Dukhiya-Sansar" by Ishrat Rehmani (performed by AIR artists). 9-15 2nd News and Weather Report (Hindustani). 9-30 2nd News and Weather Report (English). 9-45 Talk (English) "Art and Entertainment" by Som Nath Chib. 10-0 Abdu'aziz Khan. Performance on Vachilla Veena.

Calcutta Programmes

VUC 370.4 metres, 810 kcs. 49.10 metres, 6,109 kcs. (Add 24 minutes to all timings for Calcutta time).

(TIME: A.M.)

11-36 SB Musical selections by the Grand Hotel Orchestra (relayed from the Palm Court of the Grand Hotel).

(TIME: P.M.)

12-36 SB A Yuletide Programme by T. E. Bevan and Company, Ltd. Calcutta Weather Bulletin for Ocean and Rivercraft. 1-36 Talk "Women in Ancient India" No 3, Social Relationship, by Miss Priti Gupta. 1-51 Selected music Nilima Bose, religious songs. Alauddin Khan, Sarode solo. 2-6 Humorous Comments on Current Events by Premen Mitra. 2-21 A Duet. Prativa Devi and Bani Kanta Guha. 2-31 "Sanai" instrumental. 2-36 Talk "How to Make Jams and Jellies" by Bella Halder. 2-51 Modern Bengali song by Rani Bhattacharya. 2-56 Talk "Beauty Culture" by Bella Halder. 5-6 p.m.: Time Signal. A Broadcast for Rural Areas. 5-36 p.m.: Dhole-Lahara. By Paban Biswas. 5-51 p.m: Gambhira Song. By Bhabesh Chandra Choudhury. 6-6 p.m.: Tagore Song. By Haripada Chatterjee. 6-26 p.m: Seesar Solo: By Amiya Adhikary. 6-41 p.m: Bengali Thungri: By Benode Behari Ganguly. 7-1 p.m: Modern Bengali and Thungri: By Abhabaty. 7-21 p.m: "Aradhana". Written by Bani Kumar. Produced by Sailesh Datta Gupta. Artists: Parul Choudhury, Radharany, Ranibala. Incidental Music by the Jantri Sangha. 8-6 p.m: SB: Talk: "Control of Drugs". By Dr. B. C. Chatterjee. 8-21 p.m.: SB: Film Hits. By K. C. Dey. 8-41 p.m: SB: Commercial news and Weather Report (In Bengali). 8-46 p.m: dSB: The News and Announcements. 9-1 p.m: SB: Commercial News and Weather Report (In English). 9-6 p.m: SB: The News and Announcements. 9-21 p.m: SB: A Humorous Interlude. 9-36 p.m: SB: "Round the Town". Christmas Carousals at Casanovas. With Lazarato's Orchestra.

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Java Programme

7-00: Classical music (Tschaikowsky Brahms). 8-30: Popular music. 9-30: Operette music. 10-10: Nirom Orchestra. 11-20: News. 11-30: Dance music. 12-00 Popular gram. music. 12-20: News. 16-00: Concert. 17-00 News. 17-10: Elckwat-wils (popular). 18-00: Radioplay. 18-40: Piano 19-40: Vaudeville programme. 20-00 Dance music.

FIRE IN RUNNING TRAIN

KHANDWA, Dec. 25.

A second class coach on 197 Down Express caught fire between Burhanpur and Khandwa at about 9 this morning.

The fire was extinguished at Khandwa after half the coach had been burnt out. No injuries to passengers.—United Press.

(Continued from Col. 7.)

by many and various bad fortunes. I have sustained many a loss, suffered many a grief, faced heartless indifference of an apathetic public. In the teeth of this opposition, the spirit of my father has given me the inspiring guidance which I consider to be one of the greatest assets of my life. Through a long period of my life, I have tried, despite many obstacles, to build this Ashram, not with any material object in view, but with a strong desire to realise in and through it, the best ideals of my life This place is not for those who seek selfish ends and beat their own drums, but it is a meeting place of such people who would share in the aspiration for the inner awakening of men, through a cultural fellowship of love and brotherhood. This is the message of the day which we celebrate to-day."—United Press.

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Dr. Tagore On Man's Mission In Life At Ashram's Anniversary

SANTINIKETAN, Dec. 25.

In the course of an inspiring divine service, on the occasion of the 36th anniversary of the Santiniketan Ashram, Dr. Rabindranath Tagore said:

"This morning I woke up to find the eastern sky blackened with murky clouds. It seemed as if our joyous festivity was to be threatened by a weather that looked forbidding. My next thought was, that true joy was difficult to secure. The path of spontaneous happiness was menaced by troubles that visit us very frequently from outside. The source of "ananda" was not to be found in this world of unrealities. It is sunk deep into the soul. Perhaps it is ordained by God, that man should look into this source within his own self to attain joy worth the name.

THE TRUTH

"Man has come into this world, with many serious limitations. Unfortunately, to-day, he has full share of the ferocity and grossness, along with the other creatures of this world. To overcome these well-nigh insurmountable barriers, and to realise the possibilities of the soul with which he has been endowed, seem to the mission of the life. I think that is the truth writ large upon to-day's sky. Man is here to tear asunder the veil of darkness, and discover the fountain of life and light which lies deep within his own soul." Continuing the poet said:—

"To-day I am reminded of my revered father who, throughout his life, tried with the passionate intensity of his soul, to conquer this darkness and death. To secure deliverance from the cruelties of this world, he sought for 'amrita'. His vast earthly possessions could never bind him down. Luxury and comfort could never curse him to a life of self-complacency and ease. This quest of greater ends of life, made it possible for him to stand the rude shock of penury, which overcome him with the suddenness of an earthquake. Over and above, this, he had the supreme gift of spiritual detachment which nothing could ruffle. His strong soul, freed from the dead-weight of wealth, realised the joy of renunciation, but he never shirked the responsibilities of a busy family and social life. He lived in the very truth incalculated in the Gita which says: "Karmanyavadhikarasthe ma phalesu kadachana" He was like a sailor who navigated his fully laden boat of life, through the trails and tribulations of a perilous sea.

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The World Of Finance
A WEEKLY REVIEW

(BY ZANDHYALA.)

The Christmas holidays drawing near, the markets are in a holiday mood. The Quadrangular cricket matches proving a rival attraction, the attention of most of the operators is now directed to the Gymkhana grounds. The boom in base metals and commodities is in full swing, and all the scrips that are directly connected with them are advancing by rapid strides. The copper prices have gone up again in U.S.A. The production quota of rubber is again increased to 75 and 80 per cent. for the first and the second quarter of 1937 respectively. Despite this increase, the price of rubber has reached a record level of 10d. per lb. owing to a very great demand from trade quarters and particularly from the motor industry. Perhaps with the solitary exception of cotton, all the commodities like, wheat, linseed, groundnuts etc. are in a very great demand. The improvement in commodities is further reflected in a steady advance of all the industrials in general.

The Bank Of England Return

The latest return of the Bank of England reflects an increase of £65 million gold and a reduction of £60 millions in the fiduciary note issue. Note circulation in England stands at a new high record figure of £467,695,000, but it is covered by more than 100 per cent. gold, if the latter is taken at current price.

Bid For Credit Expansion

The Chancellor of Exchequer has announced in the House of Commons this week that the gold held in the issue department of the Bank of England will be increased by £65 millions. As this step would mean a sharp and unjustified expansion in the credit basis, the fiduciary issue had, therefore, been reduced by £60 millions.

Genesis Of Fiduciary Issue

The fiduciary issue refers to the number of notes the Bank of England can issue against the security of certain kinds of documents and Government debt. The interminable discussion in the Parliament over the controversy in regard to the note issue had culminated in passing the Bank Charter Act on July 19, 1844, during the time of Robert Peel by which Act the Bank of England was obliged to keep its Banking Department and Issue Department entirely separate.

Significance Of The Bank Charter Act

Under Section II. of the Act, the Banking Department was ordered to transfer on August 31, 1844, to transfer to the Issue Department, securities to the value of £14,000,000 part of which was represented by the Government debt of £11,015,100 and so much gold coin and bullion as was not required by the Banking Department. The effect of this Act was to limit the issue of the Bank Notes to £14 millions, and all notes issued in excess of that amount must be covered by gold or silver coin or bullion.

Unification Of Note Issue

Section V of the same Act also provided that if any Banker who was issuing notes on May 6, 1844, ceased to issue his own notes, the Bank of England should be empowered to issue additional notes against securities to an amount not exceeding 2/3 of the amount of the notes withdrawn from circulation by the Banker ceasing to issue. On the outbreak of the Great War when the specie payments were suspended, the requirements of the situation were met by the issue of currency notes and the so-called fiduciary issue after reaching a maximum of £320 millions in 1919, again reduced to £250 millions in 1923.

Increase The Fiduciary Issue!

Finally by the Currency and Bank Notes Act of 1928, the official fiduciary note issue was increased from £19,750,000 to £260 millions. All notes issued beyond that amount must have the cover of bullion to the full extent.

Depletion Of Exchange Equalisation Fund

But the significance of this week's event is the transfer of a huge amount of gold from the Exchange equalisation fund. It is believed in the financial circles that the ability to reduce the fiduciary issue is indicative of the strength of sterling, and that the possible outflow of funds to France and Wall Street could be successfully counteracted by the remaining gold holdings in the Exchange Equalisation Fund.

The Bank of England was not a heavy buyer of gold before, and the exact significance of this transfer is still shrouded in mystery. During the past few weeks there was a continuance of gold exports to U.S.A. both from London and Paris. It was also feared that the continuance of the same might bring a breakdown of the recently concluded tripartite monetary agreement to which Switzerland and Holland have also joined. The repercussions of this significant event are to be watched with great interest.

Heading For A Crisis?

The local stock exchange is virtually enjoying a boom at present. Under the leadership of steels, all the other industrials are making a steady advance undaunted by any adverse influences or circumstances.

The scares of a war in Europe, and the rise in steel prices, have contributed for a good deal of bull activity in the market, but the public should be aware of the fact that the present prices are very much inflated and that they have discounted all potentialities of their dividend earning capacities in the next few years.

In a recent Press note issued by the Government of India, it is pointed out that India's production of Iron and steel is almost to her limit of absorption, and it is not likely to have any great expansion of export trade in iron and steel. The 'communique' finally concludes by pointing out that anticipations of an increase in production to 3 and 5 times the present figure should be treated with caution for years to come.

The conditions in other industries also are not very encouraging as to warrant such precipitous rise.

The market is now under the control of bulls who are holding rather a very heavy weight. The present tactics of the operators in the market are sufficient for the Stock Exchange Enquiry Committee to recommend for the cancellation of the forward trading, and all transactions on a cash basis.

On account of the sheer bull force the market is likely to witness further high levels, but a serious reaction is inevitable, and it is no wonder if one believes that the market is preparing for another crisis, which it has not witnessed during the past one year or more.

Bombay Railway Workers Support B. N. Ry. Strike

Under the auspices of the G.I.P. Railway Workers' Union, Bombay Division, a mass meeting of the members of the Union was held on Friday, at Matunga.

Mr. Jhabwala, the president of the Union, explained the activities of the Union since the Manmad Conference, and expressed profound satisfaction at the response from the workers to the call of the Union. He, however, regretted that though the fully representative character of the Union had been demonstrated on various occasions, and specially on 10th November when workers voted as one man, exclusively for the candidates set up by the G.I.P. Railway Workers' Union, no appreciable change was discernible in the attitude of the G.I.P. Railway administration.

Proceeding, he explained the causes that compelled the B. N. Railway workers to resort to a general strike, and warned the Railway Board that if they persisted in their policy of staff retrenchment, demotion and attacks on the various privileges and rights of workers, Railway workers as a whole would offer toughest resistance and would fight to a finish.

A Centre Committee, comprising of 50 workers working between Bombay and Kurla, and a Divisional Committee consisting of 19 workers working between Bombay and Igatpuri and Kirkee with Mr. G. K. Phadke as Chairman. Messrs. Warekar and Usman Hasan as Assistant Secretaries and Mr. D. B. Shinde as Treasurer, were appointed.

Six members for the Executive Committee and four members for the Working Committee of the Union were also elected.

RESOLUTIONS PASSED

Resolutions congratulating the heroic workers on the B. N. Railway on their determined stand, wishing them all success in their struggle calling upon the G. I. P. Railway workers to contribute their quota to the B. N. R. Strike Fund organised by the Union, asking the Railwaymen's Federation to call an urgent meeting of the General Council to decide this issue, criticising the revised pass rules as reactionary and retrograde and "an attack on the rights and privileges of the railway workers. calling upon the railway workers to organise mass agitation for the withdrawal of these rules, protesting against the propaganda carried on by certain organisations against Mr.. Phadke, the Divisional Chairman of the Union, and rebutting the allegations made against him and the Union in respect of its attitude towards his candidature to the Bombay Legislative Assembly were passed.

Collection was then made for the B. N. R. Strike Fund and the meeting dispersed.

SAILEN GHOSE RETURNS TO MOTHERLAND

20 Years' Exile, Now Proposes To Tackle Illiteracy And Poverty Problems

(From Our Correspondent.)
KARACHI, Dec. 24.

Mr. Sailendra Nath Ghose, who was virtually in exile for the last twenty years in America returned to India this morning by S.S. "New Orleans", accompanied by his American wife and two daughters.

He said he had been trying to get back to India for the past ten years and the fact that he has been given permission at last was due to the good offices of the Marquess of Linlithgow. Mr. Ghose stated that he had been permitted to come to India on the condition that he would take no part in any subversive political activities

He proposes to study the conditions existing in India and see for himself what portion of his practical experience in America can be applied to help in establishing better living conditions in this country.

He added that his one anxiety was to reduce illiteracy and end poverty in India. These are the two evils more than anything else which have been responsible for the present social, economic and political stagnation here.

On his arrival this morning, he sent telegrams to the Viceroy thanking him for the permission given him to come back to his motherland.

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TRADE AND FINANCE

Money In Good Demand

U. S. A. To Import Gold Against Treasury Bills

HECTIC WEEK ON STOCK EXCHANGE

Weekly Market Reviews

(From Our Special Correspondent.)
Bombay, Dec. 23.

MONEY.

Money was quite usable during the week, and day-to-day loans were available at 1 1/4 per cent. This week's three months' Treasury Bills were discounted at 1 1/16 per cent. Treasury Bills gave a return of over 1 per cent after a period of 11 months, which goes to show that money is in good demand. Total tenders amounted to Rs. 2,03,50,000, of which Rs. 2 crores were accepted. Maturities amounted to Rs. 2 crores. About Rs. 1.33 crores and about Rs 63 lakhs were put on the market by Government for the purchase of £1 million sterling by tender and £475,000 on tap respectively. Thus, there was a nett influx of about Rs. 1.96 crores. Fixed deposit rates were: 1 1/2 per cent for 3/5 months and 1 3/4 per cent for 6 months.

EXCHANGE.

Sterling exchange was firm during the period under review. Sellers of ready T.T. quoted 1s. 6 9/64d with few buyers at 1s. 6 11/64d. The showing of merchandise export bills both locally and in outside markets was fair. The Government were able to get £475,000 sterling on tap at 1s. 6 5/32d during the week ended December 18, 1936. Forward deliveries upto the end of April 1937 were available at 1s. 6 9/64d and upto the second half of 1937 at 1s. 6 1/8d. Sterling tenders to Government continued to be heavy, amounting to £59,200,000 at 1s. 6 1/8d. of which approximately 2 per cent were allotted.

Foreign exchanges in London were comparatively featureless. The sterling/dollar cross rate opening at dol 4.91 7/16 touched dol 4.90 3/4, but closed at dol 4.91 5/16. French francs were practically pegged, the highest and lowest rates being frs 105.16 and frs 105.13 respectively. The belga and the guilder fluctuated between 29.06 1/2 and 29.02 and 8.98 3/4 and 8.96 1/4 respectively. The Italian lira moved between 93.31 and 93.28. The Eastern Exchanges were a shade steadier. The Shanghai dollar advanced from the previous closing of 1s. 2 3/8d to 1s. 2 7/16d; two months forward delivery being available at 1s. 2 5/16d. The sterling/yen exchange was quoted at 1s 2d.

U. S. A. PLANS.

A steady influx of foreign capital into the United States gives rise to large imports of gold into the country. These gold imports under the present circumstances keep on piling up the excess of bank reserves in the United States which have already reached the astronomical figure of 2,050 million dollars. Mr. Morgenthau, the Secretary of the Treasury, has announced that a programme will be instituted within a few days by which gold imports into the country will be sterilized in an inactive account so that they cannot be used as a basis of credit inflation in the United States. Gold imports will be financed through sales of Treasury Bills. Thus, when gold enters the country the Treasury through the sale of Bills will remove from the money market the amount equal to the gold imports. Similarly when gold leaves the country funds will be returned to the money market by retiring Treasury Bills equivalent in value to the amount of gold exported.

GOLD.

Gold was steady during the period under review. The price of ready gold moved in consonance with the fluctuations in the sterling/dollar cross rate. The backwardation prevailing in the local market made business for export for forward deliveries possible. The quotation for ready opened at Rs. 35-0-6, and after advancing to Rs. 35-1-3, declined and closed at Rs 35-0-0. Owing to the approach of Christmas holidays, when the Bombay Mint will be closed for ten days (from 24th Dec. to 3rd Jan. 37), daily arrivals have gone up to about 15,000 tolas. Stocks on hand are estimated at about 50,000 tolas, while the offtake averages about 2,000 tolas a day. The price of gold in London after opening at 141s. 5 1/2d. gradually improved to 141s. 8 1/2d. and closed at 141s 7d. The highest and lowest rates in the local market were Rs 35-1-3 and Rs. 35-0-6 for ready and January 1, settlement and Rs. 35-0-9 and Rs. 35 for January 29, settlement. Total imports during the week amounted to Rs 23,636 in bar and coin. The price of spot sovereigns moved between Rs. 22-3-9 and Rs. 22-3.

SILVER.

Silver was steady during the week, but the turnover was restricted. The quotation for ready opening at Rs. 52-8 advanced to Rs. 52-13 on steadier advices from London, but towards the close the rate declined to Rs. 52,7 in sympathy with a drop of 1/8d from 21 3/8d in the London spot fixing. Spot silver continued to be at 1/16d premium over forward in the London market. Stocks on hand are estimated at about 24,000 bars, while the offtake average about 40 bars a day. Silver to the amount of £420,690 is en route to Bombay. The highest and lowest rates in London were 21 3/8d and 21 1/4d for spot and 21 5/16d and 21 3/16 for two months forward; and those in our market were Rs. 52-13 and Rs 52-7 for ready and January 2, settlement and Rs. 52-15 and Rs. 52-9 for January 31, settlement. Total imports during the week amounted to about 2,430 bars from London and Australia and Rs 1,15,438 in coin.

GILT-EDGED.

There was hardly any movement in the gilt-edged market prices remaining almost stationary. Operators were not inclined to make any fresh commitments before the holidays. 3 1/2 per cent Rupee Paper after moving between Rs. 100-10 and Rs. 100-7, closed at Rs. 100-9. 2 3/4 per cent 1948-52 new loan kept steady at Rs. 101-7; 3 per cent 1941 loan at Rs 105-1; 3 per cent 1951-54 loan at Rs. 103-10; 3 1/2 per cent 1947-50 loan at Rs. 107-7 and 4 per cent 1943 bonds at Rs. 111-13. 4 per cent 1960-70 loans were a shade better at Rs. 115-6 and 5 per cent 1945-55 (tax free) loan at Rs. 121-6. 4 1/2 per cent 1955-60 loan closed at Rs. 120-4; 5 per cent 1939-44 loan at Rs. 108-14; 5 per cent 1940-43 loan at Rs. 111-12 and 3½ per cent 1938-40 loan at Rs. 107-7.

SHARES.

The activity in the past week on the share market was a forerunner to a tone of buoyancy that prevailed during the period under report. It was one of the hectic weeks on the share market in the past year, and there was a large turnover in all sections, operators being inclined to either carry-over or close their commitments before the holidays. The bear account was more active in covering, which coupled with bull support caused a big rise in prices, particularly in steel shares. Tata Defds. touched Rs. 960, a rise of 80 points over the previous close. Ordys. gained nearly 21 points to Rs. 246. Cotton mill shares were in good demand. Bombay Dyeing advanced to as high as Rs. 317-8, but closed at Rs. 312-8. Centurys spurted from Rs. 156-4 to Rs 171-14; Kohinoors from Rs. 251-14 to Rs. 254-6 and New Greats from Rs. 168-12 to Rs. 173-2. Tata Powers which were neglected around Rs. 1,600, shot up towards the close to Rs. 1637-8 on bear covering. Cement shares were a shade easier. There were a few more sellers than last week. Bundis closed at Rs. 40xd; Indian Cement at Rs. 528-12 and Shahabads at Rs. 503-12. In sympathy with other sections, Bombay Burmas advanced from Rs. 552-8 to Rs. 590, but closed at Rs. 581-4. Scindia Steams were in keen demand and on bear covering the rate spurted to Rs. 23-12. Belapur shares were comparatively dull and neglected, and closed at Rs. 186-4xd.

WEEKLY YARN MARKET REPORT

Bombay, Dec. 23.

The important event during the week has been the sharp rise in prices of Japanese and Shanghai yarns in the local market to the extent of about Rs. 10 per package. In case of Indian yarns prices have remained fairly steady with a limited turnover. Enquiries from almost all consuming districts have further increased but rates offered are yet not suitable to our Mills and hardly leaves any margin at the present level of cotton prices. Fresh sales by the Mills have, therefore, been very limited. Reports from Northern India are more encouraging and business all round has been reported to be good. From the Deccan, Karnatak, C.P., U.P. and other markets improvement in demand has been reported. As regards Southern Markets, business conditions are yet not very encouraging and the Southern India Mills have been quoting the same rates as before. Cotton has remained very steady with narrow fluctuations during the week. The future outlook remains hopeful.

ENGLISH YARNS.

Manchester prices have been unusually high both in American and Egyptian yarns and no business has therefore been possible with Manchester during the last few days.

JAPANESE AND SHANGHAI YARNS.

A further sharp rise in prices has taken place during the middle of the week both in Shanghai and Japanese yarns particularly in Mercerised yarns where speculative turnover has considerably increased during the last few days. Dealers are now getting convinced that the present level of Japanese and Shanghai yarns is comparatively lower and more attractive. The replacing costs from Japan and Shanghai are much higher and naturally therefore the tendency for a further rise in prices is in evidence. Fresh forward business has been very negligible on account of much higher prices quoted by the Japanese and Shanghai Spinners. Sampin has advanced further in sympathy with cotton whereas Exchange has remained steady at about last week's level.

ART SILK YARNS.

The Syndicate prices have remained unchanged during the week. Recent arrivals of Italian yarns have been very limited and most of the stocks has gone into consumption. A good deal of scarcity is found in Italian yarns particularly in popular deniers and buyers have no other course but to reluctantly purchase Japanese and other yarns and to get themselves adapted to those new qualities. As regards Japanese yarns prices have remained more or less unchanged with a steady undertone. Stocks in the consuming districts are not very large and arrivals from Japan are also limited. Offtake, however, is comparatively smaller on account of the higher level of prices which is not remunerative to the Handloom Weavers in the consuming districts. Some of the Mills, however, have been making purchases at the present level of prices. The Japanese Spinners have continued to adopt a firmer attitude and do not feel inclined to sell at lower prices. Fresh forward business has therefore been on a limited scale. The future tendency of the market remains uncertain.

INDIAN YARNS.

Our Mills have not reported any sales of importance during the week under review. Buyers continue to offer several yarns particularly coarse yarns at prices most of which are not remunerative to the Mills in view of the sharp increase in price of Bengal Cotton. It is very likely that if Cotton continues to remain steady, our Mills will have an opportunity of making sales of their yarns in the beginning of the New Year. The future course of the market remains hopeful at present.

Owing to Holidays, our report will not be issued next week. We wish all our readers a very Happy Christmas and a Prosperous New Year.

NEW YORK COTTON
New York, Dec 24

January	12.40
March	12.29
May	12.30
July	12.21
October	11.90
Middling Spot	12.99

NEW ORLEANS COTTON
New York, Dec 24

January	12.29
March	12.32
May	12.26
Middling Spot	12.77

NEW YORK
New York, Dec 24

NOON CALL

January	12.36
March...	12.27

NEW YORK COTTON DAILY STATISTICS
New York, Dec 24

Day's receipts at all U S. Ports	28,000 bales
Day's exports to Great Britain	nil
Day's exports to the Continent	18,000 bales

LIVERPOOL COTTON
Liverpool, Dec 24

December	6.75
January	6.73
February	6.75
March	6.75
April	6.74
May	6.73
June	6.70
July	6.68
August	6.55
September	6.49
October	6.44
November	6.40
December	6.40
Middling Spot	7.01
	10-12 a.m. quotations
January	6.74
March	6.76

EGYPTIAN COTTON
Liverpool, Dec 24

F G F SAKELLARIDIS	
January	9.54
March	9.71
May	9.88
July	9.99
September	9.99
F G F SPOT	10.12

COTTON CROP IN PRESIDENCY

The Department of Agriculture, Bombay has issued the following Third Memorandum on the Cotton Crop of the Bombay Presidency (including Indian States) for the Season 1936-37:—

(1) On an average of the five years ending 1934-35 the area under cotton in the territory to which this Forecast relates has represented some 26.0 per cent. of the total area under the crop in the whole of India.

This territory (included in the present report) is, however, exclusive of Baroda State, which, on an average, occupies about 3.0 per cent. of the total area under the crop in the whole of India.

(2) The figures given in the present report relate to the varieties of cotton grown in the Bombay Presidency proper. For estimates of the remaining crop, refer to Baroda Forecast for "Bholera" and "Broach", to Hyderabad, Mysore and Madras Forecasts for "Barsi and Nagar", "Kumpta and Dharwar" and "Westerns", and to Sind Forecasts for Sindhi. An estimate for the whole crop is available also in the All-India Cotton Forecast published in the Indian Trade Journal, and also issued separately in a leaflet form.

(3) The figures for 1936-37 shown in this Forecast relate to the Cotton Crop sown between May and July 1936 in the case of the early varieties, which are grown principally in the Deccan, and to the Cotton Crop sown in September-October 1936 in the case of the late varieties, which are grown chiefly in Gujarat and the Karnatak.

(Estimates up to 1st December 1936.)

AREA.

The latest reports show the total area under the early as well as the late varieties of cotton as noted below:—

	Bombay, Presidency. Acres.
British Districts	3,387,000
Indian States	2,041,000
Total	5,428,000

So far as the British Districts are concerned, the area shows a decrease of 11.9 and 10.2 per cent. respectively below the corresponding area of the last year and the decennial average at the same date. In the case of the Indian States, however, it shows an increase of 30.1 per cent. over the last year's corresponding area and a decrease of 0.9 per cent. below the decennial average at the same date; but this increase is only apparent as it is mostly due to the receipt of more complete information this year from the Western India States, which occupy by far the largest cotton area among the Indian States in the Presidency. The total figures for the British Districts and the Indian States taken together are 0.3 per cent. over the corresponding area of the last year and 7.0 per cent. below the decennial average at the same date.

In the British Districts the area under cotton somewhat expanded in Gujerat and this may be attributed to the favourable rains at the time of sowing. In the Deccan and the Karnatak, on the other hand, the area is considerably reduced as a result of inadequate rains at the time of sowing.

SEASON.

In Gujarat the crop in the north had a good start under the favourable rain and weather conditions and the germination was satisfactory. It, however, suffered in further development due to deficient soil moisture as a result of the absence or deficiency of rains in the middle of the season and strong heat in October, which caused shedding of flowers and tender buds. Good and general rainfall in the middle of November appreciably improved the condition, although in some areas, especially in the extreme north, the rains proved to be too late as the crop was hard hit by the prolonged drought and had lost its original vigour. The crop in the early stages was also attacked in places by caterpillars and wilt. These factors may adversely affect the yield of the crop to some extent. In the South Gujarat also the crop suffered in places due to scanty rains but has fared well on the whole. The rains received in November have done immense good to the crop, which is now in full flowering and boll-formation stage and the present prospects appear to be quite hopeful.

In the Deccan, where the early varieties of cotton are mostly cultivated, the crop in the north suffered rather badly due to protracted drought during the growing period. But the most opportune rains in September materially improved the situation and the crop turned out much better than was anticipated in the early stages. More than half the crop was fortunately picked up before the occurrence of rain in November, so that the damage due to wetting and shedding of matured bolls was comparatively less. It is, however, hoped that the growth of the crop, that had not attained maturity, would be stimulated by the increased soil moisture on account of this (November) rain and would make good the loss by an increase in the outturn of the crop on the whole. In the South Deccan, sowings were completed with difficulty owing to deficient rains from June to August and the stand of the crop was very poor. The good and general rain in September received the crop that had not already withered and gone beyond the scope of recovery. Rains received in November were beneficial to the late sown crop, but they proved harmful to the matured crop, ready for harvest, as the ripe bolls in places dropped down. The crop in the canal area and that helped with irrigation have generally done well, although it suffered in places from the attacks of green caterpillars, wilt, aphis and red cotton bugs etc. in the early stages and was spoiled by the November rains later on.

In the Karnatak, where much rabi (late) cotton is grown, there was great delay in sowing due to deficient rains in August. General good rains from the middle of September encouraged sowings on a fairly extensive scale. Rains in October were again defective and the young crop in many places, especially in the eastern parts of the Division, suffered from want of sufficient moisture. The very opportune rains received in the first fortnight of November substantially improved the position and the crop is now in a promising condition almost throughout the Division, although the Dharwar-American cotton is in need of one more good rain. The prospects of the Karnatak crop will, however, depend upon the future weather conditions.

OUTTURN

As a result of the seasonal conditions described above the yield of the crop in Gujarat is estimated to range between 58 and 67 per cent of the normal in the north, while that in the south of the Division may come up to between 82 and 90 per cent of the normal. In the Deccan, the Khandesh crop may return between 65 and 11 per cent of the normal, but in the remaining parts of the Division the outturn of the crop may vary from 42 to 67 per cent of the normal. The irrigated crop is expected to return between 58 and 83 per cent of the normal. The yield of the crop in the Karnatak may come to about half the normal in the Bijapur district and about 67 per cent of the normal in the Belgaum district, while it may reach to about 75 per cent of the normal in the Dharwar district. The outturn of the crop in the Indian States should generally correspond to the yield likely to be secured in the neighbouring British tracts.

The total estimated outturn works out as shown below:—

	Bombay Presidency Bales.
British Districts	667,000
Indian States	426,000
Total	1,093,000

So far as the British Districts are concerned, this outturn means a decrease of 8.6 and 7.1 per cent respectively below the corresponding outturn of the last year and the decennial average at the same date. Taken, however, for the British Districts and the Indian States combined, the figures show a rise of 4.3 per cent over the last year's corresponding outturn, but a fall of 5.7 per cent below the decennial average at the same date.

Classified by varieties, the area and outturn of cotton stand as noted in the subjoined table—

Variety.	Area in acres.	Outturn in bales.
1. Dholera	2,121,112	426,613
2. Broach	853,013	215,756
3. Khandesh	1,273,985	266,674
4. Barsi and Nagar	67,002	18,284
5. Kumpta and Dharwar	1,014,926	153,803
6. Westerns	96,377	11,556
Total ...	5,428,415	1,092,688

Of the total estimated outturn, about 58.8 per cent may be credited to the British Districts and Indian States of Gujarat and the Western India States Agency, about 26.5 per cent to the British Districts and Indian States in the Deccan, and the remaining 14.7 per cent. to the Karnatak (British Districts and Indian States combined).

AMERICAN YARN MARKET QUIET

Messrs. Chunilal Mehta and Co., Ltd. have received the following cable information from the Foreign Friends to-day:—

New York:— Technical position much strengthened by recent liquidation. Have a favourable opinion. Cotton goods market—yarn market—quiet but firm.

Persistent foreign buying is attributed to world political fears and the belief that cotton is undervalued. Advance may go some further.

LONDON GOLD
London, Dec 24

Gold Bars fine per ounce £7-1-6 1/2

LONDON DISCOUNT RATES
London, Dec 24

Bank bills 3 months market rate 13/16 per cent to 13/16 per cent
Bank bills 6 months market rate 3/4 per cent to 3/4 per cent
Fine Trade bills 3 months market rate 2 per cent to 2 1/2 per cent
Fine trade bills 6 months market rate 2 1/2 per cent to 3 per cent
Interest day to day loan 1/2 per cent to 1/2 per cent
Interest 7 days market loan 1/2 per cent

LONDON EXCHANGES
London, Dec 24

T T London on—	
New York closing rate	4.91 3/16
Paris	105.16
Berlin	12.20 1/2
Madrid	nominal 64.00
Amsterdam	8.97
Brussels	29 11
Milan	93.31
Berne	21.36 3/4
Prague	140.12

LONDON SILVER
London, Dec 24

Spot	21 1/16
Forward	20 3/16

(Continued from Col. 7.)

an average wage of 3d. to 6d. a day and in some districts for as little as 1 1/2d., and the purchasing power of the ryot halved by the fall in prices, there is little prospect of the import trade booming or Lancashire expanding her Indian trade in cotton piece-goods and it may well be that a devalued rupee would in the long run bring considerable benefits to this country's trade with India.

FINANCIAL SAFEGUARDS

A permanent enhancement of the rupee price of silver would alone have important repercussions on internal prices, and it would not be surprising if the present steady outlook for gold caused India to become a buyer rather than a seller of that metal.

It need hardly be said that if this occurred at present without a considerable expansion in merchandise exports pressure on the exchange would develop at once, and would probably necessitate some intervention on the part of the Reserve Bank.

The important constitutional changes which are impending, however, clearly make the present no time for embarking on a currency experiment with the rupee, and it should be remembered that the Reserve Bank is itself charged with the task of submitting proposals to the Governor-General in Council as to a suitable basis for a permanent monetary system for India as soon as the international situation becomes stable.

The financial safeguards of the new constitution make it impossible for any change to be made in the value of the rupee without the consent of the Governor-General in Council, so that there need be no fear that the inauguration of Provincial Autonomy will mean devaluation by legislative fiat."

Lower Rupee Will Be Relief For Agriculture

But Government Afraid Of Upsetting Of Budgetary Calculations

A correspondent writes in the "Financial News" the following interesting article regarding rupee exchange ratio, which has again become a chief topic among commercial circles:—

The prospect of any alteration in the relationship of the rupee and the £ is of considerable importance to a large number of people in this country.

British investors in rupee stocks, Indian Government officials drawing pensions at the rate of 1s. 9d. to the rupee, as against the present parity of 1s. 6d., British traders and British companies operating in India, the Indian exchange banks, insurance companies and a variety of other interests are all so intimately concerned that any revival of agitation regarding a devaluation of the rupee at once stimulates interest in the subject and in some quarters causes such apprehension that the wildest rumours are given credence.

PROVINCIAL AUTONOMY

It has, for instance, been rumoured that the introduction of provincial autonomy as from April 1 next will coincide with a reduction of the rupee to 1s. 4d. notwithstanding that, as recently as October 8, the Indian Finance Member stated that the Government of India would defend the present ratio with all the means at its disposal.

These means are at the moment considerable, and fully justify the view that the present parity could be maintained for a considerable time if necessary. The Reserve Bank of India holds some Rs. 67 crores (£50 million) of sterling securities, while the gold holding of the bank at present standing at Rs. 44 crores (£33 million) would, if revalued in accordance with the present price of gold, amount to about £53 million.

BALANCE OF TRADE

While the balance of trade in merchandise and treasure of late years has been running in India's favour at the rate of about Rs. 70 crores per annum—a sum sufficient to allow all external obligations to be met and also to enable the Reserve Bank to increase its sterling reserves—more than half of this sum has been due to the export of gold and Indian nationalist opinion claims that but for this fortuitous occurrence a lower rupee ratio would long ago have been inevitable.

The arguments for and against any devaluation of the rupee are of much interest, especially at present when currency depreciation is being so widely resorted to as a means of restoring a country's international trading position.

Would a devalued rupee increase the country's exports and improve the purchasing power of the masses? The answer to that question is, unfortunately, largely a matter of individual opinion.

RELIEF FOR AGRICULTURE.

The protagonists of a lower rupee claim that the immediate effect of devaluation would be to raise the rupee prices of agricultural commodities and bring relief to the sorely-pressed agricultural classes.

The resulting increase in economic well-being would, it is said, render in large measure the export of gold unnecessary, as it is claimed that gold sales are due to economic pressure, while the stimulus given to exports would place the balance of trade on a more stable basis than has existed of late years.

Any check to revenue-paying imports it is hoped would be temporary, and their volume would soon be increased by a revival of the country's purchasing power.

LOSS OF CONFIDENCE

The opponents of any change, on the other hand, point to the dislocation and loss of confidence which any alteration in the present ratio would entail, and stress the fact that devaluation would be of a certainty upset the Government's budgetary calculations, and make the imposition of further taxation inevitable at first.

A 1s. 4d. rupee would probably add about Rs. 3 crores annually to the cost of the external debt and the expenditure on stores and materials for the railways would be increased by possibly another crore of rupee, while higher prices for foodstuffs for the Army and the provisions relating to the transfer of Government provident and pension funds to a sterling basis would also introduce additional elements of cost.

Further, a period of industrial unsettlement in India would no doubt follow any change until such time as a readjustment of wages to the cost of living and other factors had been effected. So far as Provincial Government finance is concerned the probability is that on the whole the position would be rather bettered by an improvement in land revenue collections, and this factor in turn would react favourably on the Central Government's position.

LEAP IN THE DARK

On broad lines, however, there is perhaps more to be said for the maintenance of the present position than for any alteration, especially as a change would in some respects be a leap in the dark.

On the other hand, as the recent currency reforms in China have shown, there is no reason why a devaluation policy if executed with skill and judgment should have dire effects on a country's trade or finance, or fail to be the precursor of better living conditions for the masses.

The basic factor for an improvement in the economic situation in India is a rise in the rupee prices of commodities. These have shown little improvement since the depreciation of sterling in 1931, while if comparison is made with 1929 and 1926 levels a considerable drop in values is shown.

NOW ABOUT 65 PER CENT OF 1929 VALUES

It was in 1926 that the fixation of the Rupee parity at 1s. 6d. gold was decided and it will be remembered that in his dissenting Minute to the Currency Commission Report in 1926 Sir Purshotamdas Thakurdas with a prescience that deserves to be more widely appreciated, stated his view that rupee prices had not at that time fully adjusted themselves to the 1s. 6d. ratio.

He then emphasised his misgivings at the prospect of a further fall in gold prices, and declared that if gold prices fell India's prices would have a still bigger fall, the double effect of the operation of the 1s. 6d. ratio and the fall in world prices. There seems little doubt to-day that he was right.

Indian wholesale price indices indicate to-day that Indian prices are probably about 65 per cent of 1929 values, whereas in the case of Great Britain the percentage is about 85 per cent, and it remains to be seen if the recents devaluation of the gold bloc countries will bring about any rise in the Indian price level by stimulating the demand for Indian products.

The absence of a widely organised banking structure in the country makes it impossible to raise prices in India by any manipulation of credit alone, and in any case the money markets to-day are glutted with funds seeking employment.

RESTORING PURCHASING POWER

Summarising the position, it is seen that unless world prices rise it will clearly be necessary for some means to be found of raising Indian commodity price levels if a continuance of economic hardship is to be avoided and the country's purchasing power restored.

With Indian labourers working for

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Loan Cotton Disturbs Markets

HIGH BASIS GIVES OUTSIDERS TO UNDERSELLS

Attractive Opportunity To Buy Indian Cotton

"That the New York market is lower than a week ago by approximately 1/4 cent is due to continued uncertainty regarding the release of loan cotton.

In spite of the fact that it has always been known that loan cotton—probably a million bales of it—will be released, which cotton was, in any case, calculated in the carry-over, loan cotton has always been a disturbing influence, state Messrs. Langley and Co.

Longs do not like it.

When there is any mention of its coming on to the market they get out.

They did so last season.

And then the market went up.

Otherwise, the market is quiet, with a holiday feeling tending to lessen the desire for battle.

But between Christmas and New Year, if history is to be repeated, prices should remain steady. There is seldom any desire to sell short between the two holidays. Contracts, in consequence, are inclined to be scarce. And price fixing goes on as cotton goes into consumption.

Shrinkage in exports is still a disturbing factor. The prolonged port strike is, of course, reflected in present figures.

HIGH BASIS.

It is the high basis rather than dear futures contracts which is the factor giving outsiders the opportunity to undersell Americans. Yet we do not see how a high basis can be interpreted in any way other than the reflection of a healthy demand for cotton.

On the broad issue, commodities compare favourably with stock markets. And, among commodities, cotton is as favourably priced relative to the statistical position as any.

The prospect of inflation is, of course, gradually being removed by the stability measures being undertaken both in London and Washington. It is, incidentally, rather flattering to Britain to see America's methods tending more and more towards the London model.

We do not anticipate any large movement but in easy markets we recommend purchases.

Although Broach April/May broke sharply in the Bombay market from 226 1/4 to 222 the undertone subsequent to the decline has remained firm, with office buying a prominent feature.

Export demand from Japan is brisk, the Osaka yarn market still providing all the incentive the spinner needs to increase cotton commitments.

LANCASHIRE BUYING.

The Continent is, for the most part, quiet but Lancashire is still in the market for Karachi styles.

Crop movement is now increasing in the Punjab, Okara yesterday advising 1,500 bales and Lyallpur 1,000 bales.

In the Berars, yesterday's arrivals at Khamgaon were 2,000 bales.

The Central India crop is moving slowly. Ujjain yesterday had 700 bales but arrivals should gradually increase.

Early movement is anticipated in the Broach district where even yesterday Kapadwanj received 125 carts of seed cotton.

PRESSING RETURNS.

Pressing returns are still running well ahead of last year. The figures up to 12th December for the season were 180,620 bales compared with 1,356 bales last year. For the Central Provinces figures were 40,219 compared with 15,136 last year.

The Indian crop is moving ahead of normal. At some time in the not very distant future the present wide parity between Indians and Americans should provide an attractive opportunity for purchases here against sales in home markets. As, however, the market must now face not only heavy movement in the Punjab but also the whole of the Broach and Surat crops we doubt whether the reverse straddle will be an attractive proposition before the middle of February."

LONDON PRODUCE
London, Dec 24

Wheat Rozario Santa Fe Jan Feb sellers	40/4 1/2
Wheat Barletta Russo Jan Feb sellers	40/7 1/2
Wheat South Australian December sellers	45/6

NEW YORK COFFEE
New York, Dec 24

Fair Rio Coffee (No. 7 quality)	8 7/8

LONDON SEEDS
London, Dec 24

Linseed La Plata Hull c.i.f. December sellers	£12-3-6
Linseed Calcutta London c.i.f. Dec Jan sellers	£14-10-0
Linseed Bombay London c.i.f. Dec Jan sellers	£15-0-0
Rapeseed Toria Hull/Cont c.i.f. Dec Jan sellers	£14-5-0
Castorseed Bombay Hull c.i.f. Dec Jan sellers	£14-12-6

LINSEED OIL
London, Dec 24

Linseed Oil naked London per cwt Jan April paid	27/9
Linseed Oil naked London per cwt May August paid	28/1 1/2

LONDON RUBBER
London, Dec 24

Smoked Sheet Standard ribbed per lb Sellers	10 3/8

NEW YORK COTTON WEEKLY REVIEW
New York, Dec 24

Rallies from last week's low levels is met with renewed liquidation and moderate hedge selling, but in the latter part of the week prices strengthened on the hopes that the Barter Trade Agreement with Germany, approved of by the Treasury, may stimulate exports.

At the same time trading is quickened due to heavy foreign buying in all active months, while earlier trade was a very persistent buyer, though Far East also took contracts.

Fresh speculative demand was restricted owing to holidays and pending official announcement of the terms of the release of loan cotton.

Spot markets were quiet but firm as offerings of desirable grades were limited.

There are some conjectures whether the March premium will be maintained if the release of loan cotton increases supplies and the predominance of lower grade sin spots stocks influes the basis.

The goods market was quieter with mill activity continuing at a high rate more than offsetting the loss of exports.—Reuter.

AFTER BANK CLOSING RATES
New York, Dec 24

New York on London 4.91 9/32 steady.
New York on Paris 4.67 1/8 steady.

NEW YOR KCOTTON
New York, Dec 24

Persistent foreign buying is attributed to world political fears and belief that cotton is undervalued.

Advance may go on for some weeks further.—Reuter.

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Congress Assurance To Indians Overseas

But Country Must Get Independence First

Working Committee Resolution On Protection Of Nationals

TILAKNAGAR (Faizpur): December 25.

The Congress Working Committee at its sitting this morning passed a resolution on Indians Overseas, assuring fellow-countrymen Overseas the sympathy of the Congress and its help in their distressful condition in territories in which they have settled.

It, however, opined that nothing that the Congress could do would bring a radical amelioration in their status till the nation had attained its independence, and is able effectively to protect its Nationals, who have chosen to settle abroad against the inroads on their freedom in the countries of their adoption.—United Press Congress Special.

WORKING COMMITTEE BREAKS RECORD

(From Our Own Correspondent)

TILAKNAGAR, Dec. 25.

The Working Committee has broken previous records by the number of resolutions it has passed

The Committee has taken the sting off from resolutions regarding boycott by wording the resolutions in such manner as to avoid all possible objectionable expressions which were likely to embarrass certain person on future occasion.

The Committee has merely reiterated what Congress has always done and at the same time satisfied the leftists

The Committee has accepted suggestion made about Emigrant Areas and adopted the resolution on subject.

The President has often referred to this attempt at an artificial division of country for the purposes of exploitation and he convinced Committee of the need for recording a protest against this policy of discrimination.

NATURAL CALAMITIES

Then again the Congress President has never failed to draw public attention to the suffering and loss caused by natural calamities such as floods, droughts, cyclones, etc., and he has now succeeded in making the Congress voice this feeling. "The Forward Policy" of the Government of India and Frontier has caused much heart burning in nationalistic circles.

Khan Abdul Gaffar Khan, Pandit Jawaharlal and other Congress leaders have often given expression to their disgust at this policy, and the recent visit of Sardar Vallabhbhai and Mr. Bhulabhai Desai to the Frontier has convinced them of the urgent need to make a public protest against inhuman treatment meted out to friendly tribes on the Frontier.

The question has often been discussed on provincial and central legislatures with a view to censuring Government but Government have not cared to pay heed to public protests.

The resolution on civil liberties and suppression of elementary rights is again Pandit Jawaharlal's

His hand in draftsmanship of it is quite obvious. The resolution in fact only epitomises all that he has said on this subject.

The Committee has again shown great tact in making an open reference to the lack of civil liberties and iron-handed suppression of elementary rights in Indian States.

It has done well in including Indian States in this resolution and thus prevented desultry discussions in Subjects Committee by States' representatives on this question by way of amendments. The resolutions are all without any exception remarkable in their emphatic declarations and condemnations.

I understand the Congress President wants a few more resolutions on subjects about which he has been keen. It looks almost certain that the Faizpur session will be a record session in respect of resolutions, and varied subjects they embrace.

Regarding the suggestions of Mr. M. N. Roy, I understand that they have been sent to Pandit Jawaharlal Nehru to be considered along with the report of the Mass Contact Committee.

It appears that originally Mr. Roy had included in his suggestions the question of collective representation, but after he came to know that Mr. Jayaprakash Narain was dealing with question he did not include the same in his list of suggestions

I am now informed by one of the close associates of Mr. Roy that the resolution on B. N. R. strike drafted by Roy was not accepted by the Working Committee. It is understood that before Mr. Roy's resolution on the subject was sent to the Working Committee the latter had considered the subject and passed resolution

Enquiries show that Mr. Roy's resolution sought that Bengal, Nagpur and Bihar Congress organisations should see that strike was a success. The Congress organisations on B. N R. line should exert themselves and see that everything possible is done to help the strikers in their rights. The resolution further sought that there should be sympathetic general strike on all railway lines in the country.

During the course of conversation with close associate of Mr Roy I gathered that Roy would not take any very active part in Subjects Committee discussions.

He was trying to study and understand the situation and what little he sought to do he was trying to get it done through other sources.

It is claimed that the idea of holding a Convention of Congress legislators after the provincial elections was his, but he wanted that besides the Congress legislators all A. I. C. C. members, officials of Provincial Congress Committees and Secretaries of District Congress Committee should also attend the convention. Since the Working Committee did not accept the idea of inviting officials of Provincial Committees and Secretaries of District Committees it is understood that these things will be sought to be introduced in a resolution on Convention when it comes up for discussion before the Subjects Committee.

ROY TALKS WITH GANDHIJI

FAIZPUR: Dec. 25.

Mr. M. N. Roy had talks with Mahatma Gandhi for an hour and a half from 7 p. m. and on returning to Congress camp met Pt. Jawaharlal Nehru with whom he remained for over an hour.—A. P. Special.

ROY REFUTES PRESS REPORTS

"I Have Prepared No Scheme To Be Placed Before Congress"

(From Our Special Correspondent.)

TILAKNAGAR, Dec. 24.

Mr. M. N. Roy who is considered to be the mystery man by some sections of the Congressmen had a long interview with Gandhiji at seven last evening after the latter's evening walk. It is understood that both exchanged greetings and Mr. Roy was questioned by Gandhiji regarding his experiences as an organiser of revolutions Then both of them are stated to have discussed views on the present political situation put forward by Mr. Roy.

It is understood that Roy created a good impression but it is as yet early to say what would be the reactions of the above interview In connection with the recent statements and declarations from platforms by Roy vis-a-vis the Congress Socialists our representative had a talk with Mr Roy. Asked as to what he had done towards minimising differences between the Right and the Left parties which he had stated at a previous interview, he would try to accomplish and thus bring both sections closer, he said all his statements and actions since his release had been directed towards that end.

Informed of criticism of some leftists that he had no political past and was trying to create a platform for himself in India, Mr. Roy smiled and said that he agreed that he had no political background in India but he was confident that he had a bright political future He was sorry that he was being misunderstood by his Socialist friends. Those in minority should not say that they will force the majority to do a certain things which was not favourable to the Rightists. There was yet room for joint action between the two sections of the Congress When there was necessity and possibility of joint action why should there be differences and quarrels which would help none? Hence he, though an avowed leftist, had decided that the best thing would be to join hands and work with those in power as far as possible for freedom of the country That certainly did not mean that as a leftist he had given up his views on vital questions and changed his colour.

Mr. Roy told your representative that he would be seeing Gandhiji but he had no scheme, as had been reported in the papers to be placed before Gandhiji. He would, of course, be discussing the political situation and what he thought about it and exchange views with Gandhiji. It was also not correct that he had prepared a scheme and sent it over to the Working Committee for their consideration.

A scene in Congress kitchen during dinner time in Tilaknagar.

Unending Procession Pours Into Faizpur

Tilaknagar was astir early this morning.

Thousands of delegates and visitors from all parts of the country were streaming apparently in an unending procession.

Men and women volunteers were moving about keeping order.

Kisan Marchers numbering 200 from Ahmednagar reached Tilaknagar this morning and given a rousing reception.

They were later addressed by Congress leaders including Pandit Nehru.

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woman at Wardha.

Each had his own conception of Swaraj.

Referring to the Exhibition of hand-pounded rice Gandhiji said it was not as polished as could be found in cities, but was sweet and health-giving.

Humorously referring to the Congress President's procession in "Rath" Gandhiji said that the President could not be given a horse to ride or a motor car in a village.

Village Congress was "thirtha kshetra" It was a Mecca where one visited and offered prayers.

Double the number of people expected had arrived at Faizpur and the Reception Committee authorities were hard put to minister to their needs.

After all it was in a village and those who have come should take that into consideration before they decide to get displeased with the arrangements.

Mahatma Opens Exhibition

Sparkling Simplicity Combined With Elegance, Its Main Feature

TILAKNAGAR, Dec. 25.

In a picturesque and colourful setting of saffron-sarried Desha Sevikas under the smiling morning sun outside massive and decorated gates of the exhibition pavilion Mahatma Gandhi declared the Exhibition organised under the auspices of the All-India Village Industries Association open at 8-30 this morning.

The Swadeshi Exhibition opening ceremony this morning commenced with the soul-enthralling national song of Poet Rabindranath "Jana Gana Mano Adhinayaka" rendered in an exquisite note by a choir of Maharashtra Desh Sevikas.

Among those noticed on the dais were Pandit Jawaharlal Nehru, Mrs. Kasturba Gandhi, Khan Abdul Gaffar Khan, Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel, Mrs. Sarojini Naidu, Babu Rajendra Prasad, Mr. Bhulabhai Desai, Maulana Abul Kalam Azad, Pandit Govind Ballabh Pant, Acharya Kripalani, Seth Jamnalal Bajaj, Mr. Gangadharrao Deshpande, Mr. Mahadev Desai, Mrs Abdul Gaffar Khan and Mrs. Sofia Khan.

The entire square in front of the Exhibition Gate was packed with visitors composed mostly of rural population from the surrounding villages including women and children.

The arrival of Mahatma Gandhi accompanied by Sardar Patel, Mr. Mahadev Desai and Mr. Baikunthlal Mehta was heralded by jubilant cheers from the vast gathering Mahatma Gandhi on entering the dais dragged Pt. Jawaharlal who was seated in a corner on his side.

Exhibition Sparkling With Simplicity

The exhibition which Mahatma Gandhi opened this morning is more after his heart than any of which he has yet been godfather.

All trace of purely urban needs have been rigorously kept out of it.

Only Khadi and other products of village industries have a place and Khadi, as may be expected, occupies the centre of the Oval opposite the Congress Amphitheatre where the Exhibition is held on a plot, 500 by 300 yards.

The Khadi Court is self-contained and all aspects of production methods will be practically demonstrated in it.

All round the Court are demonstrations in cottage industries such as rice pounding, preparing wheat for flour, making Glass bangles and paper making.

Buffaloes, cows and bulls stand in a row in a model shed of their own.

Dairying, tanning and manufacture of leathesr goods are demonstrated in adjoining stalls

There will also be a demonstration of veterinary science. Two ladies' organisations Gandhi Seva Sadan, from Bombay and Jyoti Sangh from Ahmedabad have their stalls just at the entrance.

Limiting the exhibition to Khadi and village industries has been at a sacrifice.

All previous Congress sessions have derived the major portion of revenue from Exhibitions in which all Indian industries found place, and for this reason attracted visitors from much larger section of people than Khadi does.

For the first time this experiment was tried at Lucknow and it cost the organisers Rs. 40,000.

But that Exhibition was on a larger scale This time it is expected that expenses would not exceed Rs. 10.000.

This year's Exhibition is expected to bring in only a fraction of the income of Bombay or previous Exhibitions.

The Exhibition grounds combine sparkling simplicity with elegance. Bamboo is as much in evidence there as in other parts of the Congress Camp. The gateway is made of bamboo giving the impression from a distance of a somewhat sombre grey stone battlement.

Inside the grounds many types of coloured Khadi flags impart a touch of gaiety.

The moving spirit behind the organisation of the Exhibition at Tilaknagar is Vaikuntrai Mehta who, with his assistants, has been working day and night for the last fortnight.

There is a hut specially devoted to paintings by Nandalal and other curios from Bengal.

Gandhiji declared the Exhibition open from a specially erected bamboo platform in front of the Exhibition gates. Objects of promoters of this Exhibition is to demonstrate the potentiality of village life.

Gandhiji who is father of both All-India Spinners' Association and All India Village Industries' Association declared the Exhibition open as President of one of the Association and friend, philosopher and guide of another.

The Exhibition at Tilaknagar is first of its kind ever held in heart of rural area and would go a great way in to influence rural life.

EDGAR WALLACE'S DETECTIVE STORY DAY BY DAY

Inspector Wade— *The Clever One*

HURRY! HURRY!
UGH!-- I CAN'T PULL IT OUT FROM THE WALL --- IT WON'T BUDGE
11-25
THE PAINTING IS SET SOLIDLY AGAINST THE WALL-- EVEN A CROW-BAR WON'T PRY IT LOOSE!
BUT WE MUST!
THERE MUST BE A TRICK TO THIS THING ---AN' I'M GONNA FIND IT!
THE ACID-IT STOPPED DRIPPING!
THAT-- THAT MEANS THEY'VE GIVEN UP --- AND ONLY ONE THING WOULD MAKE THEM GIVE UP!
LYMAN ANDERSON

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No Tooth Brush Here

In this great exhibition Gandhiji exhibited a bundle of nice yellow grass which had been sent from Guntur out of which bags and mats could be prepared by villagers by hand.

They would not find a tooth brush in the Exhibition If they ask for it they would be told to go out and pick up small branches from neem or babul tree. That was why villagers cleaned their teeth so well.

The Exhibition was a school where they would learn very important lesson. In Charamalay inside the Exhibition one would see Brahmins and others working side by side.

A piece of deer skin in his possession was prepared by an old

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